

Inspection of Holy Innocents Play Zone Centre

Holy Innocents C Of E Church, 192a Selhurst Road, London SE25 6XX

Inspection date:

17 February 2020

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children eagerly arrive at the club. They receive a warm welcome from the staff and quickly settle down to take part in activities. They happily spend time with their friends who attend from their own and other local primary schools. The club has formed strong partnerships with schools that children attend. Staff collect children from the schools and share information, ensuring children's needs are met. Children say that the club has a good community feel. Children enjoy taking part in a broad range of activities in the inside and outdoor environment. For example, children independently dress-up in different outfits with accessories and put on a fashion parade with music for their friends. They laugh at the different ways they move and give their friends applause.

Staff role model positive behaviour and regularly give children praise and encouragement. Children listen to staff's gentle reminders and behave well. Children show respect to their friends and use good manners. Older children support their younger peers well, and include them in their play and activities. For example, older children teach younger children dance routines and practise with them until they master them. This demonstrates the strong bonds the children have for each other and supports their self-esteem.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Staff are supported well by the manager to ensure they carry out their job roles effectively. She monitors practice and carries out regularly supervision. Staff state they have been supported by the manager to complete childcare qualifications. They also access training through the local authority and online to ensure they keep their knowledge and skills up to date. All staff complete mandatory training.
- Staff actively engage with children during activities and routines. They have meaningful conversations and help children to extend their learning and understanding of the wider world. For example, children watch demonstrations of plaiting and braiding wool and try this for themselves adding beads. They discuss different cultural hairstyles and talk about their families. Children also celebrate different festivals and learn about what makes them unique.
- Children share their experiences of the after school and holiday club with the inspector. They say they feel safe and happy and would feel confident to talk to the staff if they had any concerns or worries. They feel they are listened to and their views and opinions are valued. Children discuss the activities they enjoy, as well as spending time with their friends.
- Children have many opportunities to learn about healthy lifestyles and good food choices. They make fruit kebabs and cut-up different fruits to add to their

skewers for snack time. Staff provide a nutritious cooked meal which includes vegetables. Children enjoy the outside space and weekly football sessions with a coach. They ride bicycles and shoot basketballs outside, and enjoy playing badminton and jumping on the trampoline inside. These activities help to increase their physical skill.

- Partnerships with parents are strong. They are kept updated with verbal feedback at the end of the day and with parent messages. Parents comment that their children are happy to attend. They enjoy the broad range of activities and trips. They state that the staff are friendly and care for their children well.
- The manager and staff evaluate their practice effectively. They review the activities after each holiday club and address any changes that are needed. They use questionnaires to seek feedback from parents and ask children for their views. Changes have been made to incorporate a broader range of activities, including children's choices. Football sessions have been added and changes made to the menus to give more choices.
- Children eagerly participate in activities and engage staff in their play. Children cut strips of paper and weave to make patterns. Staff use opportunities to promote writing skills as children add their names to their work, use stencils and complete their homework. Children share and take turns with equipment and show good concentration skills as they play chess, thread with laces and construct with small building bricks.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The manager and staff have completed safeguarding training, including the 'Prevent' duty. They are aware of possible indicators that may indicate a child is at risk or harm or neglect. They know the correct procedures to follow if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. The manager and staff have a good understanding of their responsibility to keep children safe. They ensure that risk assessments are in place for trips, and daily checks are completed to ensure the environment is safe and any hazards minimised. Staff deploy themselves around the club to keep ratios maintained and supervise children effectively.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY548857
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10143524
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children	4 to 11
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	31
Name of registered person	Dembs Consult Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP548856
Telephone number	07930512058
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Holy Innocents Play Zone Centre registered in 2017. The provision is situated in Holy Innocents Church in South Norwood, located in the Borough of Croydon. The centre provides care term time, Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6.30pm for children aged four to 11 years old. They operate a playscheme on Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.30pm, during most of the school holidays. A breakfast club runs from 7am to 9am. A team of four staff are employed and they all hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Helen Craig

Inspection activities

- The manager showed the inspector around the club and talked about how the club is organised both inside and outside.
- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children at a variety of activities.
- Children and parents shared their opinions of the club with the inspector. Written feedback was also read by the inspector, as well as considering the views.
- The inspector held discussions with staff and the manager at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at some documentation, including staff qualifications, training and suitability checks.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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