

# Inspection of Schools Out Club

Edgeley Methodist Church Hall, Old Chapel Street, Edgeley, Stockport, Cheshire  
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Inspection date:

19 February 2020

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Outstanding

## What is it like to attend this early years setting?

### This provision meets requirements

The staff at this welcoming club care deeply about the children. They place the well-being of children at the centre of the care they provide. They make sure that time is given for children to express their feelings and emotions.

Children can choose to play racquet games in the hall, perform shows on the stage, or have fun in the role-play area with their friends. When children need quiet time, they pick from a vast range of books. These cover topics such as emotions, different families, and cultures and communities other than their own. Children can read to themselves or ask staff to read to them.

Children have a wide range of toys to play with, which they select independently. Children are directly involved in the planning of all events and activities at the club. They thrive on the responsibility given to them and display high levels of self-confidence and self-esteem.

Children enjoy lots of physical activities when at the club, which support their physical development. They learn to take managed risks during regular outings to the local skate park and playground. Children confidently balance on a rotating balance wheel and skilfully climb up and descend a rope pyramid. Some children excitedly play games of chase. Children know how to stay safe while walking from the club to the park and follow the safety rules.

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

- The manager ensures that the needs of staff working at the club are fully considered. Staff are supported and motivated to do their best for the children, while maintaining a good work-life balance. The manager has ensured that there is a strong commitment to training and development. This is targeted to best meet the needs of the children. For example, recent training focused on supporting children's positive behaviour. This has significantly enhanced how staff interact with the children. Children are encouraged to talk about their emotions or how a situation has made them feel. Staff teach children highly effective behaviour management strategies, such as yoga and meditation. These help children to regulate their behaviour and understand their emotions.
- Healthy lifestyles, particularly eating healthy, are given good consideration. Staff share information with children and parents about healthy lunchboxes. In addition, the club provides children with fresh fruit and vegetables as healthy snacks during the day. Staff help children learn about the importance of good hygiene. For example, children wash their own hands before meals, after outdoor play and after blowing their noses. In the main, children do not need to

be reminded and do this independently.

- The club regularly seeks the views of parents and children about changes that can be made or how things can be improved. This is representative of the strong relationship that staff have with parents and children. Parents say their children 'love the variety', that they are 'excited to attend' and that 'the club is amazing'.
- Children are provided with lots of opportunities to be creative. Children create designs to be printed onto t-shirts, make structures using recyclable materials and plan shows to perform to staff.
- While there is a wide range of things to do at the club, children do play for extended periods of time with specific things. For example, children play in a den they have built. They act out a day on the farm using a range of toy farm animals. Children involve staff in their play, which staff use as an opportunity to introduce a wider range of vocabulary. This supports children's communication and language skills.
- Staff speak to children respectfully and this is mirrored by children of all ages. Children are considerate of each other's feelings and younger children get involved in all activities on offer.
- The manager ensures that the club complements children's learning at school. The manager finds out from parents and children's schools about children's interests and what they need to learn next. Staff at the club provide any extra support required. Additionally, staff help children to consolidate aspects of their learning, such as playing in larger groups or making new friends.

## Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The club building is safe and secure. There are procedures in place in the event that staff need to 'lock down' in an emergency. Staff and the children undertake drills to ensure this can be done quickly and safely. Staff have a sound knowledge of online safety. They share information about this with children and parents. Additionally, rigorous control measures are in place for the use of electronic devices; both for staff and children. Staff and leaders have a very strong knowledge and understanding of potential indicators of harm to children. They know how and where to report concerns to. Training in wider safeguarding matters, such as female genital mutilation, has improved staff knowledge in this area and contributes to better safeguarding of children. Staff know how to report concerns about other adults working with the children. They give assurances that they would report any concerns immediately.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	501476
<b>Local authority</b>	Stockport
<b>Inspection number</b>	10109656
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	4 to 12
<b>Total number of places</b>	60
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	71
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Hazelwood Nursery Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP519507
<b>Telephone number</b>	01614770549
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	27 April 2015

## Information about this early years setting

Schools Out Club is run by Hazelwood Nursery Limited. The club registered in 2001. The club is open each weekday after school from 2.30pm to 6pm and during school holidays, from 8am to 6pm. There are six members of staff. Of these, the manager holds early years professional status, and three members of staff hold a recognised qualification at level 3.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Richard Sutcliffe

## Inspection activities

- Activities in the rooms and a trip to the local park were observed by the inspector.
- The views of parents, staff, and children were obtained by the inspector.
- The inspector checked documentation relating to staff suitability, qualifications and a selection of policies and procedures.
- Discussions were held by the inspector with a number of staff to establish their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding.
- The inspector completed a tour of the premises and observed the range of activities available to the children.

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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