

# Inspection of Can Play St Georges

Northam St. Georges C of E (V A) Infant School, Jackets Lane, Northam,  
BIDEFORD, Devon EX39 1HT

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Inspection date: 19 May 2021

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

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

### **This provision meets requirements**

Children settle in well when they arrive at the club after school and enjoy talking to staff about their day. Children are happy and have fun playing cooperatively with their friends. They choose from a wide range of activities on offer, both indoors and outdoors. Children have lots of opportunities to develop their physical skills in the spacious outdoor environment. They manage risks well as they carefully climb trees and play on the large adventure play equipment. Children of different ages enjoy playing sport games together. Older children help younger ones to learn how to play rounders.

Children are well cared for and staff know how to keep children safe. Children behave well and show respect to each other and to staff. Staff know individual children well and have very positive relationships with them. Staff are positive role models for the children and understand how to support their emotional well-being by nurturing them so that they grow in confidence.

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the club has reviewed its arrangements for collecting children to reduce contact. Parents are supportive of the changes to collecting their children and share very positive feedback about the club.

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

- The leader of the club supports the staff team well. Staff receive thorough induction support to enable them to carry out their roles effectively. Staff complete relevant training to help them meet the needs of individual children.
- Staff plan and provide a suitable play environment based on children's interests. For example, they offer craft activities so that children can extend their skills in pom-pom making. Children engage in activities linked to themes and festivals throughout the year.
- Children are highly engaged in playing sport games. They benefit from the social interaction and physical development opportunities available to them.
- Children demonstrate positive behaviour and respond appropriately to instructions from staff. The respectful culture of the club allows children to feel supported and to develop a sense of belonging. For example, children have all made a handprint which forms a friendship tree as part of a club display.
- Staff have positive relationships with the local schools. They exchange information which helps staff to understand and meet children's needs.
- The club works in partnership with parents. Staff keep parents up to date about their children's attendance and individual needs.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

All staff know how to keep children safe and understand what they need to do if they have any concerns about a child's welfare. Leaders implement their safeguarding policy and procedures effectively and undertake daily risk assessments to ensure the premises are safe. Leaders review the club's policies regularly, to ensure they reflect current times and relevant legislation. The provider follows safer recruitment procedures to ensure that all staff and directors are suitable to work with children. Children comment that they feel safe and well cared for by the staff team.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY562920
<b>Local authority</b>	Devon
<b>Inspection number</b>	10194257
<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 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	15
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	119
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Community Arts Network CIC
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP903808
<b>Telephone number</b>	01237 471972
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Can Play St Georges is an out-of-school club run by the Community Arts Network. It registered in 2018 and operates from a self-contained cabin in St George's Infant School, Bideford, North Devon. The club also collects children from St Margaret's Junior School, a short walk away. The club is open from 3pm to 6pm each week day. There are two members of staff who work regularly with the children, one of whom holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Amy Fedrick

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting received since the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the setting and has taken that into account in her evaluation of the setting.
- The provider and the inspector completed a tour of the club, to discuss the suitability of the premises and how the environment is organised.
- The inspector spoke with the provider about the care and education they provide. She also completed observations of staff and child interactions.
- The children and parents shared their views about the setting with the inspector.
- The inspector held regular discussions with the provider and staff throughout the inspection, to keep them updated. She sampled relevant documentation, including evidence relating to staff suitability checks and the club's policies.

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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