

Inspection of Energy Kidz Out Of School Club - Elstow Mk42

Elstow School, Abbey Fields, Elstow, Bedford, Bedfordshire MK42 9GP

Inspection date: 14 July 2021

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The provider and manager have thoroughly risk assessed the club in line with regulations due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Children stay within their designated 'bubbles', which are the same as at school. The manager reports that children know what staff expect of them, such as to stay in their designated part of the hall.
- Children have many opportunities to spend time outdoors. At the moment, they especially enjoy sports activities. The manager talks about how she has provided more resources to enable children to practise their skills, such as football and tennis. She understands how exercise and fresh air benefits children's health and well-being and reports that children's behaviour is good.
- The provider has robust recruitment procedures in place. This helps to ensure that staff are suitable to work with children. There are clear and consistent systems to monitor staff practice, which helps to ensure that their skills continue to develop over time.
- Parents speak positively about the club. They say the manager and staff work well to keep children happy and engaged. Parents report that children really enjoy being outdoors and participating in sport activities.
- Partnerships with the host school are strong. Staff have opportunities to speak to children's teachers and they share relevant information. The club has a key-person system in place for younger children, this helps to further support their development.
- The manager demonstrates a good understanding of how to recognise potential signs that children may be at risk of harm. She knows the procedures to follow if concerns are raised about a child's welfare or the conduct of a staff member. All staff complete statutory training to keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY563277
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10194277
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 at time of inspection	5 to 11
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	103
Name of registered person	Energy Kidz Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901001
Telephone number	07970499197
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Energy Kidz Out Of School Club - Elstow Mk42 registered in 2018. The club opens Monday to Friday through school term times. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.45am and from 3pm to 6pm. The club employs a manager and one member of staff.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jill Hardaker

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector took a tour of the club with the manager. They talked about how the club is organised and discussed the play opportunities they provide for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and one of the company's safeguarding managers to consider the provider's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector observed some of the club in operation with older children present.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the setting's safeguarding procedures and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.

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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