

Inspection of PH Sports - Bitham Brook Primary

Bitham Brook Primary School, Arundell Close, Westbury BA13 3UA

Inspection date: 19 July 2021

The quality and standards of early years provision	This inspection	Not met (enforcement)
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Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Children are not kept safe because the provider has not sufficiently assessed risk. Staff use personal mobile phones while working with the children and when young children need to use the bathroom, they walk unsupervised into the school building. At these times, children are out of sight or hearing of the staff who are, therefore, unable to ensure that they are safe.

Children enter the club with smiles on their faces and happily talk with the staff member who runs the club about their day. They excitedly ask which of their friends will be attending the club today.

Staff provide children with good opportunities to be physically active. Children thoroughly enjoy the activities on offer outdoors. Children can choose from cricket tennis and throwing soft inflatables. They enjoy trying to see who can throw the inflatables the farthest. However, indoors the choice of activities and resources is limited and children do not have enough to do. As a result, children become disinterested, restless, and frustrated. Staff talk with children about acceptable behaviour. However, they do not adapt practice or activities to engage children's interests.

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, staff now ask children to choose a healthy nutritious snack and make it for them. Staff are hoping to be able to let children make their own snacks again soon.

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

- Staff deployment is not effective at the club and does not ensure children are kept safe. There is no procedure in place for staff to follow in the event of an emergency. Due to the size of the outdoor space, there are times when children are out of hearing or sight of staff as they have to walk a long way unsupervised to go to the toilet.
- The provider has failed to recognise the risk of staff using their own mobile phones for work purposes. They have not considered that staff can share information with others and the impact this has on children's safety.
- Indoors, children are not provided with a stimulating environment or sufficient resources. For example, children were only provided with paper and pens to draw and were unable to access any other activities. Children became bored, and restless and their behaviour deteriorated. Staff intervened and moved children to another table but did not provide anything else for them to play with or do. Staff are not aware of how to ensure children are properly stimulated to stop their behaviour from affecting themselves and others.

- Staff complete mandatory training, such as first aid and child protection. However, the provider does not have a clear understanding of the day-to-day running of the club and does not monitor staff practice to ensure that children's needs are met.
- Staff provide positive messages about how children can keep themselves safe outside in hot weather. Staff remind children to wear sun cream and sun hats and to seek shade when they are feeling hot.
- Parents spoken to during the inspection are happy with the club. They state that their children enjoy attending.
- Children confirm they like being at the club and that they really enjoy being outside. They benefit from the club's outdoor space to be physically active. Younger children enjoy working together to build towers out of wooden blocks. Older children enjoy playing cricket and football together.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

Staff deployment does not ensure children's safety because children are not supervised well enough. There are no procedures in place for staff to deal with emergencies when regularly working alone. The safeguarding policy does not effectively cover the use of staff personal mobile phones or follow local safeguarding children partnership guidance closely enough. However, staff do know the possible indicators of abuse and the correct procedure to follow if they have any concerns about a child.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

The provision is not meeting requirements and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
ensure that staffing arrangements meet the needs of children and keep them safe and that children are always within sight or hearing of staff	24/08/2021
ensure policies and procedures for safeguarding, including the use of mobile phones, meet the guidance from the local safeguarding children partnership, further ensure that all staff comply with safeguarding policies	24/08/2021

put in place appropriate arrangements for the supervision of staff to ensure they are well supported and can meet the interests and needs of the children in their care	24/08/2021
ensure the individual needs of children are met and provide a setting which is stimulating and enables children to play and explore safely.	24/08/2021

Setting details

Unique reference number	2645473
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	10202162
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	30
Name of registered person	PH Sports Coaching Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2638440
Telephone number	01225701830
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

PH Sports - Bitham Brook Primary registered in 2021. It is located at Bitham Brook Primary School in Westbury. It operates Monday to Friday, 3pm to 5.45pm, term time only. There is one staff member who works at the club who holds an appropriate childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Kelly Sunderland

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the club 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 their evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector observed children's play and activities to see how they engage with staff and others.
- Discussions were held with children and parents to find out and take account of their views of the club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documents and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- The inspector spoke with staff and the provider at appropriate times during the inspection.

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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