

# Inspection of Vallis Out Of School Club

Vallis First School, Milk Street, Frome, Somerset BA11 3DB

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Inspection date:

17 September 2021

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

**This  
inspection**

**Not met (with actions)**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## Summary of key findings

### This provision does not meet requirements

- The provider does not ensure that all staff have a good enough understanding of the club's safeguarding procedures. She does not ensure that staff know the correct procedures to follow should they have a concern about a child or an adult at the club. This puts children at risk of harm.
- Staff understand how to support younger children when they first start at the setting. Leaders share how they work with parents and teachers to ensure children settle into the club quickly, helping them to feel safe and secure.
- Staff talk about the spaces and equipment they provide, indoors and outside, for children to be active and play, and to relax with others.
- Staff recognise the importance of managing children's behaviour in a way that helps children to learn to share and play well together.
- The provider uses safer recruitment processes to ensure all staff are suitable to work with children. While managers state that they hold regular team meetings to develop and discuss key areas of focus with the staff, they have failed to ensure that staff have a good enough knowledge of safeguarding.
- Staff share how they make sure the premises are secure, so that children cannot leave unsupervised, and unwanted visitors cannot gain access.
- Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, parents are unable to enter the indoor provision for the out-of-school club. Staff share that they use the outdoor playground area to provide verbal feedback to parents while maintaining social distancing guidelines. They use electronic communications with parents to ensure they share information.

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.

### What does the setting need to do to improve?

#### To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
train all staff to understand the safeguarding policy and procedures, so that they know the correct procedures to follow should they have a concern about a child or adult.	24/09/2021



## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY556617
<b>Local authority</b>	Somerset
<b>Inspection number</b>	10194105
<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>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	47
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Child's Play Clubs UK Ltd
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP556616
<b>Telephone number</b>	07460 253888
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Vallis Out Of School Club registered in 2018. It is delivered by Childs Play Clubs UK and is part of a chain. The club operates from within Vallis First School in Frome. It is open Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm during term time.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Terri Breakwell

## 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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the premises used by the children and observed staff and older children's interactions, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector held discussions with staff and considered the provider's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the setting's safeguarding procedures, and evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- Parents of older children spoke to the inspector and gave their views about the service they receive.
- The inspector spoke with the manager, staff and the provider of the club at appropriate times throughout 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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