

Inspection of Mytham Road Out Of School Club

Mytham CP School, Mytham Road, Little Lever, Bolton, Lancashire BL3 1JG

Inspection date: 7 July 2022

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

After being collected from their classroom, children happily enter the welcoming and relaxed environment of the club. Children are eager to tell staff and their friends about their school day. After eating a snack, they quickly become absorbed in the wide range of activities, either inside or in the well-equipped outdoor play area.

Children behave exceptionally well and have opportunities to discuss how they expect each other to behave and set boundaries. Staff model expected behaviours and children demonstrate a clear understanding that it is everyone's responsibility to care for the toys and equipment. They are polite to each other and remember to say please and thank you.

All children show great levels of self-confidence and develop good relationships with staff. They delight in the opportunities for physical exercise outdoors as they climb, negotiate the ropes and balancing beams. Children play group games, such as tag or table football, often inviting staff to join in. Staff playfully participate and compliment the children on their team playing skills. Younger children enjoy the company of the older children. Staff are sensitive to their individual needs and help them to choose an activity, such as reading a book or having time to relax after a busy school day.

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

- Partnership with parents is strong. They are very complimentary about the staff, describing them as 'friendly' and 'approachable'. Parents feel their views are valued and are able to communicate with staff on a daily basis. They especially appreciate the fact that their children experience a range of activities and that the club is well organised. They say that their children are happy to attend and often complain when they arrive to collect them early.
- Leaders and managers continually evaluate the club by seeking the views of staff, parents and children who attend. As a staff team, they discuss ways to enhance the provision and share views of what children want. They recently introduced frozen yogurts to the menu after children explained it was one of their favourite snacks.
- Staff help children to learn about differences between themselves and others. This is also reflected well in the resources and activities provided. Children learn about how other faiths celebrate festivals. For example, they recently learned about the tradition of Rangoli Art to celebrate Diwali. Children also create pictures of themselves to help them to gain a good understanding of their own identity and what makes them unique.

- Staff complement learning and provide purposeful play opportunities. Early years children have a named key person who works in partnership with teachers from the on-site school. They support children's learning in any identified areas, such as practising reading and colouring to enhance their mark-making skills. Staff sit with the children offering lots of praise and encouragement. This helps to support consistency in their learning and helps their emotional well-being.
- Leaders ensure all staff are supported and there are robust recruitment procedures in place. Staff professional development is given a high priority. There is an in-depth induction programme in place. All staff have regular meetings with leaders and managers. The club is owned by a national company and staff benefit from in-house training opportunities, covering a wide range of subjects. These include working with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Staff are valued and leaders discuss their training needs as well as prioritising their well-being.
- Staff discuss the importance of healthy living and eating with children while they select their snacks. They enjoy choosing fillings for wraps or sandwiches as well as a selection of salad and fruits. Children naturally wash their hands before eating. They drink plenty of water during their time at the club and staff encourage them to keep hydrated when taking part in physical activities. Staff also promote children's understanding about the importance of looking after their teeth. This helps children to learn about healthy lifestyles and choices.
- Leaders and managers demonstrate a strong commitment to providing inclusive care for all children, including those with SEND. They have a designated staff member who takes the lead in overseeing how the setting can support all children's individual needs.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff demonstrate a good understanding of how to safeguard children. They attend regular child protection training to keep their knowledge up to date. Staff are acutely aware of the steps to take if they have a concern about a child's welfare or well-being. They are also familiar with the procedures should they have concerns about the behaviour of another staff member. Children are helped to gain an understanding of online safety. Staff talk to children about alerting an adult if they are concerned when using online games. Robust risk assessments are in place to ensure all areas of the club are always safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2529366
Local authority	Bolton
Inspection number	10208410
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	5 to 10
Total number of places	35
Number of children on roll	117
Name of registered person	Kids Planet Day Nurseries Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP900964
Telephone number	01204333556
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Mytham Road Out Of School Club registered in May 2019 and is situated in Little Lever, Bolton. It employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds a level 7 early years qualification, two hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3, and one staff member holds a level 2 qualification. The club operates Monday to Friday from 7.30am until 8.40am and 3.20pm to 6pm. The club also offers holiday care for some of the school holidays from 7.30am to 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Alison Tranby

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 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 completed a learning walk with the manager and discussed the areas used by the club.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they like to do when they are at the club.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- Consideration was given to parents' verbal comments.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed 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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