

Inspection of Bluebell Park School Choices

Bluebell Park School, Cawthorne Walk, Liverpool, Lancashire L32 3XP

Inspection date:

4 August 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager is knowledgeable in her role as designated safeguarding lead. She demonstrates a strong knowledge of how to recognise concerns that may indicate a child is at risk of harm and the procedures to follow. She plans to regularly audit the safeguarding procedures to ensure the setting continues to meet the early years foundation stage requirements.
- The manager understands the importance of ensuring all early years children are assigned a key person. Through discussion, she talks about how each child will be allocated a senior member of staff as their key person to support them to settle into the setting and to act as the key contact for families. Settling-in sessions will be provided to build positive relationships with each child to help them to feel secure when they start.
- Excellent links have already been formed with the host school. The manager plans to use these links to support the needs of early years children. All children that will attend will have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The setting will have access to specific training from the school and will be able to use the specialist equipment and rooms to support each child's care needs. They plan to gather strategies from the school and families to support consistency for children's learning and care.
- The manager plans to complete regular checks of the spaces that will be used by children to ensure risks are identified and mitigated. Regular reviews of these risk assessments will take place to ensure staff are always aware of possible risks to individual children. For example, if a child starts with allergies or a medical need.
- The manager demonstrates how passionate she is about ensuring children's individual emotional needs are met. She discusses how she will provide many opportunities for children to have their sensory needs met, such as ensuring opportunities for children to run, roll, bounce and throw. The manager displays an excellent knowledge of how to support children's sensory needs.
- The manager plans to develop children's independence by encouraging all children to wash their own hands and make attempts to peel fruit at snack time and feed themselves. Children will be provided with regular swimming lessons, where they will be encouraged to dress and undress. The manager describes how she wants children to become confident in their own abilities.
- The manager demonstrates that she is passionate about supporting her staff team. She will provide regular professional development opportunities and targeted training to support them to meet the needs of the children. The manager will support staff to reflect on their practice and aspirations through regular supervision meetings to enable them to continue to learn and improve.

There were no children in the early years age range 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 early years 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	2553564
Local authority	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Inspection number	10221601
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	6 to 9
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	14
Name of registered person	Merseyside Youth Association Limited
Registered person unique reference number	2538987
Telephone number	01517020700
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Bluebell Park School Choices registered in 2019 and is run by a charitable organisation. It operates from Bluebell Park School in Knowsley, Liverpool. The setting employs 10 members of childcare staff. Of these, three staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The setting operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during school holidays, from 10am until 4pm, for 11 weeks of the year.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rebecca Weston

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Discussions were held with the manager throughout the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed a selection of documents, including evidence of the suitability of staff and first-aid certificates.
- The inspector discussed with the manager how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements when looking after early years children.

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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