

Inspection of Chantreyland Norton Free Out of School

Norton Free Primary School, Matthews Lane, SHEFFIELD S8 8JS

Inspection date:

14 June 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Children are happy and they enjoy their time at the club. Overall, they behave very well. They develop positive relationships with the out-of-school club staff. Some greet the staff excitedly as they arrive in the club. There is usually a very pleasant atmosphere. Staff and children chat happily together. Children are keen to take part in the inspection process. They talk fondly about their friends and their siblings. Children develop firm friendships with their peers. Some children say that their favourite thing to do is talk to their friends after their busy school day. Children enjoy the activities provided and they usually find something that they like to do.

The club is operated by an organisation based on another site. This has meant that some basic safeguarding information is not readily available for the staff onsite. Additionally, three new directors joined the company in March 2022. The provider has failed to make sure that they were listed with Ofsted. This is a breach of requirements. This means that Ofsted has not been able to check that they are suitable to be in a position of responsibility.

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

- On a practical level, the day-to-day management of the play session is appropriate. The staff arrive in time to collect the young children from their classroom. They quickly set up some activities, so that children have something to do when they arrive. Young children are used to the procedures for being picked up from their classroom. They gather their belongings from the cloakroom and put their coats in a pile on the floor when they get to the club. They line up to wash their hands before snack and wait patiently until snack is ready. However, poor oversight of the club, at senior management level, has resulted in breaches to requirements.
- The setting does not have much storage to enable them to provide a wide range of activities. However, children enjoy playing with the construction and small world resources. They also enjoy colouring pictures in with their friends and siblings. Staff rotate activities and resources for greater choice and variety.
- Children enjoy physical play, particularly when they get the chance to play in the school hall with the school's equipment. They have great fun with the large equipment, hoops and balloons. However, staff find it difficult to organise outdoor play every day and the school hall is not always available. Children are mostly settled and happy. However, the lack of fresh air and exercise does affect their behaviour at times. Parents also say that they would like their children to play outside more.
- Children benefit from the links between the club and the school. There are daily

opportunities for staff to talk with children's class teachers. This means that important messages can be relayed to parents. It also means that children can stay to after-school activities offered by the school and still come to the club afterwards. Parents appreciate the flexibility the club offers to help cater for their changing work patterns. They are happy that their children enjoy attending and have a safe place to play.

- Children enjoy the snacks provided. They say that they sometimes have fresh fruit and they used to like having noodles. However, on the day of inspection, children were offered jam or chocolate sandwiches. This was followed by cake with icing. This does not help to discourage a sweet tooth. Parents confirm that children have a lot of sweet treats at the club. They say that they would like their children to have healthier snacks at the club. This would enable them to give their children treats at home.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

Children can play safely while they are at the club. Staff have a clear understanding of the signs and symptoms that might suggest a child is being abused. They have attended safeguarding training and have up to date paediatric first-aid certificates. They know who to contact in their own wider organisation if they are concerned about a child's well-being. The close links with school staff are further protection for the children. However, staff do not know how to contact local safeguarding authorities directly. They do not have those important details on file at the setting. This could delay support for children experiencing difficulties at home.

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
ensure that important safeguarding contact details are easily accessible, so that staff are able to report concerns directly to the local authority as and when necessary.	01/07/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY336356
Local authority	Sheffield
Inspection number	10143291
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	24
Number of children on roll	39
Name of registered person	Chantreyland Children's Nursery Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP908356
Telephone number	0114 2745240
Date of previous inspection	16 December 2015

Information about this early years setting

Chantreyland Norton Free Out of School registered in 2006 and is managed by Chantreyland Childrens Nursery Partnership. The club operates from Norton Free Primary School in the Norton area of Sheffield. The club employs two members of childcare staff. Of these, the manager holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday, term time only and sessions are from 3.20pm until 6pm. The club serves children who attend Norton Free Primary School and the club have close links with the school.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Pat Edmond

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 observed children taking part in a range of activities indoors.
- The inspector spoke with the manager, directors and staff during the inspection. Parents and children also contributed their views and these were taken into account.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents and records. This included evidence of the suitability of staff working in the provision and a range of other documentation required for the safe and effective management of the provision.
- The provider showed the inspector around the club premises. The inspector went with the manager to collect the children from their classroom.

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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