

# Inspection of Hilltop Childrens Centre Choices

Hilltop Childrens Centre, Bedford Close, Huyton, Liverpool, Lancashire L36 1XH

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Inspection date:

11 September 2022

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the leader explains how regular monitoring of the quality of the setting will take place. She explains how the team will reflect on what went well in the session and what they need to change in the future. A great focus will be given to ensuring that staff access specific training to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).
- The leader recognises the importance of building effective partnerships with parents when children first start at the setting. She explains how she would gather specific information to ensure that they can assess the right level of support and guidance needed for children. This includes working effectively with other professionals to ensure that they can support children's progress well.
- The leader explains how the staff will plan enjoyable and inclusive activities for children. She explains how she would consider children's interests and will take account of their development and future learning.
- The leader shares how the staff will contribute to helping children maintain a healthy lifestyle. She explains how the staff team will provide opportunities for children to be active and play in the outdoors. Children will benefit from healthy, nutritious snacks of their choice.
- Through discussion, the leader can confidently explain how the team intends to support children's behaviour. Specific strategies, such as the use of distraction and de-escalation to help children manage their emotions, will be used. Staff intend to work alongside parents to provide appropriate boundaries to help ensure a consistent approach.
- The leader and the team have a sufficient knowledge of the safeguarding procedures to follow should they have concerns regarding children's welfare. Appropriate ongoing suitability checks are carried out to ensure that all staff who work with children are suitable to do so.
- The leader explains how the staff team will implement procedures to help keep children safe. They will carry out regular risk assessments to ensure that any hazards are minimised or removed.
- The leader demonstrates a clear understanding of the records that they are required to keep.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2566580
<b>Local authority</b>	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
<b>Inspection number</b>	10239245
<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>	Sessional day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	4 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	16
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	15
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Merseyside Youth Association Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	2538987
<b>Telephone number</b>	07710503541
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Hilltop Childrens Centre Choices registered in 2020 and is situated in Liverpool. The setting is run by a charitable organisation. The setting employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The setting operates on Sundays, term time only. Hours of operation are from 10am until 4pm. The setting specialises in supporting children with SEND.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Kellie Lever

### 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 leader and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The leader showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure that they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector reviewed some documents, including first-aid certificates.
- The inspector discussed with the leader how they intend to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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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