

# Inspection of S4YC Out of School Club @ Bidston Village

Bidston Village CE Primary School, Ballantyne Drive, BIDSTON, Wirral CH43 7XG

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Inspection date:

12 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

- The management team and staff attend regular child protection training to help keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date. Staff have a good understanding of what constitutes a safeguarding concern. They understand the procedures to follow to protect children from harm. Staff assess risks effectively and prepare activities which are suitable and safe for children. Staff have appropriate fire procedures in place and regularly practise fire drills.
- Staff know how important it is to promote children's good health and well-being. They provide healthy snacks, and make sure that fresh fruit and vegetables are always available. Children have opportunities to get lots of fresh air and physical exercise. For example, children can access a spacious outdoor area.
- The management team understand the importance of good parent partnerships. They gather key information about children's care needs and interests before they start. This information is used to plan familiar daily routines and play equipment to help children settle in. They provide parents with information about their child's day and the snacks they have eaten, as well as information from the school, for example, about the homework the children need to complete.
- The manager can explain the arrangements she has in place to evaluate the quality of the setting. Staff work closely with the host school and the activities provided link to children's current learning. The manager gathers the views of staff, parents, children, and other professionals, to help maintain a good quality service.
- Parents cannot praise the club highly enough. They say that their children 'love it' and that their 'confidence has grown so much'. Parents comment that the staff are very much 'part of the family' and are 'warm and nurturing'. Parents value the communication which keeps them well informed about their children's time at the club.
- Staff morale is good. Staff report that they work together very well in a close-knit team. They say that they have 'great joy' by coming to work. The well-being of staff is important to leaders, who provide staff with effective support.
- The leadership and management team is experienced and well organised. Statutory training is up to date for all staff. Staff are supported to extend their knowledge through additional training and mentoring. This has a positive impact on their practice and the provision for children.

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>	2586469
<b>Local authority</b>	Wirral
<b>Inspection number</b>	10239589
<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>	32
<b>Name of registered person</b>	S4YC Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP900701
<b>Telephone number</b>	07734705559
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

S4YC Out of School Club @ Bidston Village registered in 2020 and is based at Bidston Village CE Primary School in Bidston, Wirral. The club is open from 7.30am to 8.40am and 3.00pm to 5.45pm each weekday, during term time only. There are two members of staff who work directly with the children. Of these, one holds a relevant level 4 qualification.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Emma Wakefield

## 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 provider took the inspector on a tour of the setting and held leadership and management discussions with the inspector throughout the afternoon.
- The inspector observed both indoors and outdoors in order to evaluate children's experiences at the club.
- Staff, parents and children all shared their feedback about the club and the provider, which the inspector took into account.
- Relevant documentation was scrutinised, including any documents collected to ascertain the suitability of staff, first-aid certificates and other training certificates.

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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