

Inspection of W.A.S.P.S. (Wheathampstead Afterschool Playscheme) After School Club

Beech Hyde Primary & Nursery School, Nurseries Road, Wheathampstead, St.
Albans, Hertfordshire AL4 8TP

Inspection date:

14 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- Those with oversight and responsibility for the club lack knowledge of the relevant requirements of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' (EYFS). As a result, some of these requirements are not met. The provider has not supplied Ofsted with the necessary information in a timely manner in order for checks to be carried out on all committee members to ensure they are suitable for the role. There has been a change of manager since the last inspection. The new manager is familiarising herself with the EYFS requirements.
- The provider does not have an appropriate system in place to monitor staff's practice to develop their knowledge and skills.
- The provider does not understand the importance of enabling a two-way flow of information with all schools where children attend to help staff complement the care and learning that takes place during the day.
- The provider understands the importance of having good relationships with parents. Staff know to make sure parents have information about children's care, their behaviour and experiences at the club.
- Staff understand how to safeguard children. They are aware of the possible signs that children are at risk of harm. They attend training to help them keep their knowledge up to date. Staff explain the action to take if there are concerns about children's well-being. Managers are aware of the roles and responsibilities of other professionals who work to protect children. Those with overall leadership for safeguarding and child protection demonstrate their ability to work in partnership with other agencies.
- Staff know the importance of making sure they meet children's dietary needs. They plan suitable food and drink for children's breakfast and evening tea. They understand the importance of helping children to follow appropriate hygiene procedures, such as washing their hands before eating.
- Staff demonstrate a secure understanding of how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. They make sure they provide an inclusive environment to ensure all children can enjoy their time at the club and have their needs met.
- Staff know how to support children so that they behave well and are polite and well mannered. They understand the value of children feeling confident and secure at the club, as well as the benefits of making friends of all ages.
- Staff know how to provide suitable activities that children will enjoy. They plan experiences from their knowledge of children's interests and their suggestions of what they would like to do. Staff demonstrate a good understanding of the benefits of positive interaction with 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.

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
provide Ofsted with the required information for each member of the committee to ensure the necessary suitability checks can be completed	17/10/2022
improve staff and committee members' knowledge of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' to ensure everyone understands the requirements that must be met	17/10/2022
put in place regular, effective supervision arrangements for all staff, in order to monitor practice and develop their knowledge and skills	17/10/2022
develop a two-way flow of information with all schools that children attend.	17/10/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	123642
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10233549
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 10
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	25
Name of registered person	W.A.S.P.S. (Wheathampstead Afterschool Play Scheme)
Registered person unique reference number	RP519040
Telephone number	01582 834190
Date of previous inspection	25 October 2016

Information about this early years setting

W.A.S.P.S. (Wheathampstead Afterschool Playscheme) After School Club registered in 2000. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or above. The club is open from Monday to Friday, during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am to 8.50am, and from 3.15pm to 6pm. A holiday club operates during some school holidays. Sessions are from 8.30am until 5.30pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Alison Reeves

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The manager showed the inspector around the club and explained how the play environment is organised.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they enjoy doing at the club.
- Parents shared their views of the club with the inspector.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- The manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

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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