

Inspection of Kids Childcare Stockport Ltd

Torkington Primary School Nursery Building, Torkington Road Hazel Grove,
STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK7 6NR

Inspection date:

5 October 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

The provider's motto of ensuring children receive 'high-quality and innovative play experiences' is what makes this club so welcoming. The moment children arrive they cannot contain their excitement to join in with the abundance of activities on offer. Children are happy, feel safe and are eager to play with their friends. They share with staff the activities that they have been doing in school. Older children talk about the importance of riding bicycles safely on the roads. Younger children discuss traditional stories that they have read with their class teachers and how they have made 'special porridge' for the bears in the woods.

Children show remarkable behaviour. They follow rules and take care of the resources. Children become enthralled while playing in the café. They enact roles of chefs and talk about how fruits and vegetables are grown. Children enjoy making paper pumpkins for Halloween. They talk about festivals from around the world and explain to one another that, 'We may be different fish, but in this club, we all swim together'. Children are respectful and tolerant individuals who gain the necessary skills in supporting them to be ready for their next stages in play and learning.

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

- The provider's resolute vision of providing a first-class, nurturing and safe haven for children to flourish through play is shared by children and staff. She leads the club with passion and shares her expert knowledge of playwork with staff. This positively impacts on the abundance of high-quality play experiences offered to children. Self-evaluation is accurate and includes the views of staff, children and parents.
- The manager provides children with a play programme that is built on what she already knows about children and what they are capable of. She uses the playwork principles to continually engage children in challenging play experiences. Children relish these activities and show excellent perseverance skills while building dens in the wooded area.
- Care practices are excellent. Staff spend time getting to know children as they first start at the club. The work closely with class teachers and parents to make the move into the club as easy as possible. Children show high levels of self-esteem and have a strong sense of belonging. They are keen to tell the inspector that the club is the 'best'.
- Leaders ensure that staff well-being is given high priority. Staff report that the support from the provider is 'excellent'. Leaders provide incentives for staff and celebrate their contribution to playwork. Staff receive incisive feedback about their interactions with children, and a comprehensive programme of professional

development is in place. Leaders assess the impact of current training and use this to develop staff practice further. For example, a course in playwork has better equipped staff of how to provide more physically challenging and risky play opportunities to children outdoors.

- Leaders teach children exceptionally well about the world that they live in. Children fascinate while making different passports. They learn about countries and traditions. Children enjoy trying foods from around the world and learning about multicultural clothing and traditional music. They talk about what makes them unique and discuss how some families are different, such as having one mum or two dads. Children are well prepared for life in modern Britain.
- Partnership working is a strength of the club. Links with the host primary school are secure. Leaders share information with class teachers and parents to support children's learning through play. Parents comment that the club is 'brilliant' and the manager goes 'above and beyond'. Links with the local authority and external childcare professionals are in place.
- Leaders provide children with excellent opportunities to be physically active. Children thoroughly enjoy being outdoors. They close their eyes, listen to the wind and talk about the noises sheep make in the nearby field. Children search for acorns and show excellent large-muscle skills while climbing apparatus. They play football and basketball and help each other to learn new balancing skills on an assault course. Children talk about the importance of keeping healthy, for example by exercising regularly and drinking water to keep hydrated.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Risk assessments are robust. All areas of the premises are safe, secure and suitable for childcare. Staff are first-aid trained and show a good understanding of how to deal with accidents. Leaders deploy staff well and ratios are met. Staff attend safeguarding training and know the whistle-blowing procedures exceedingly well. They are aware of the local referral procedures and understand the steps to follow if they have a concern about a colleague. Staff teach children about keeping themselves safe and talk to them about e-safety. Children manage risks during their play exceptionally well and remind one another not to run too fast outdoors when the ground is wet.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY477653
Local authority	Stockport
Inspection number	10233912
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	73
Name of registered person	Kids Childcare Stockport Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP533718
Telephone number	07563065089
Date of previous inspection	18 November 2016

Information about this early years setting

Kids Childcare Stockport Ltd registered in 2014. There are three members of staff who care for children, two of whom hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3 and above. The club operates from 7.30am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Luke Heaney

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 his evaluation of the club.
- The manager and the inspector had a learning walk around the club, to determine the organisation and planning of activities.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children as they engaged with activities.
- Relevant documentation was reviewed by the inspector, including evidence of the suitability and training of staff.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider, staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation of a play activity with the provider.
- Parents' views were obtained by the inspector through written testimonials and discussions.

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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