

Inspection of School's Out Activities at South Lee School

South Lee School, Nowton Road, BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk IP33 2BT

Inspection date:

27 October 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The holiday club provides children of all ages with a wide variety of enjoyable activities. Children are keen to join in and take part in planned games. They choose activities they like and help with the planning of the club. Children are supported by enthusiastic staff who make the club experiences fun. The club is inclusive and welcomes all children. Those who need support are helped by additional staff, and their needs are individually catered for. All children benefit from a holiday club where well-being is highly nurtured.
- The premises are appropriate for use. They are secure and safe for children to play on. There are various indoor and outdoor spaces that can be used for activities. The resources are appropriate for the ages of children. There are securely embedded health and safety practices. Managers regularly complete head counts and use the effective walkie-talkie system of communication with the team. The organisation of the everyday running of the club is excellent.
- Staff feel valued in their roles and well supported with a thorough induction. Most of the staff hold a degree or qualified teacher status, which enhances the experiences for children. Staff are supported with a wide range of training and professional opportunities. They work together well as a team and communicate as positive role models to the children.
- Children bring their own foods from home. Staff talk regularly at mealtimes about healthy eating and making healthy choices. Children respond eagerly to conversations with adults. They have in-depth conversations about the seasons, the solar system and the world around us. Children are keen to share their experiences from home, and staff listen attentively to them. Children have access to books and enjoy adults reading stories to them.
- Children rehearse a dance routine in preparation for a show their parents will watch at the end of the week. They move to the music with focus, developing physical skills. Children engage in a wealth of art and craft activities. They make their own individual witches' hats as part of their costumes. Children praise each other's achievements and admire the different creations. Staff model skills for children to learn and develop their own abilities.
- Staff have a deep understanding and knowledge of how to keep children safe. They have appropriate training and keep up to date about changes through their safeguarding leads. Staff know who to report their concerns to and the procedure for recording concerns. They know how to identify possible signs of abuse or potential harm. By following their embedded procedures, staff can be confident in their decision-making in relation to safeguarding scenarios. Staff and managers do their utmost to keep children safe and ensure they are well supervised while in attendance.
- Parents are very happy with the service provided. They speak highly of the activities on offer to their children and the staff.

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

Unique reference number	2593837
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10249193
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 16
Total number of places	55
Number of children on roll	157
Name of registered person	School's Out Activities Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP548120
Telephone number	07766220075
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

School's Out Activities at South Lee School is open five days a week during school holidays only, from 8am to 6pm. The premises used are part of an independent school based in Bury St Edmunds. The club is for children aged four to 16 who attend school. There are nine members of staff. Three staff have qualified teacher status, two have a qualification at level 6, two at level 5, one at level 3 and one is unqualified.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Helen Clutterham

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 viewed all areas of the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- Children spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of 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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