

Inspection of Northcote Afterschool Club

Northcote Primary School, Cavendish Drive, Liverpool, Merseyside L9 1HW

Inspection date:

3 November 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 provider has a clear understanding of how to safeguard children and what might put a child at risk of harm. Safeguarding policies are clear and the provider is aware how to carry out risk assessments to minimise or prevent hazards. Good systems are in place regarding safer recruitment. For example, the provider knows how to check the suitability of staff, paediatric first-aid certificates and relevant safeguarding training. The provider explains they would refer swiftly to the local authority if there was a concern.
- The leadership team has high expectations for children's welfare and is committed to promoting healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. The provider has an understanding of the importance of encouraging children to be physically active. Her focused approach is to build independence and give children opportunities to build their emotional well-being and understand the importance of self-care.
- The provider's understanding of the importance of positive behaviour strategies is strong. The provider talks about how the children's voice is at the heart of planning any club activities and decisions on club rules. There is an emphasis on creating warm and respectful relationships between staff and children. The provider explains daily modelling of sharing, turn taking and good manners is important and can impact positively when providing a caring club environment.
- The provider explains professional development, knowledge and skills are kept up to date with accessing support from the local authority. For example, recently the manager has accessed training related to communication in the early years. The leadership team also complete online courses on kindness and well-being in the workplace.
- The provider is fully committed to working with parents and the local community. Parents' views are valued and the provider recognises the importance of creating a partnership, which provides a level of consistency between the home and club environment. The provider has a nurturing approach and understands its importance in developing children's self-esteem.
- The provider has a good understanding of adapting activities to support children's individual interests. For example, the provider has created an 'All about me' document that is part of a child's induction into the club. It includes a section on what they enjoy and any significant information that needs to be known in advance of them being registered to join the club.

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	2589230
Local authority	Liverpool
Inspection number	10249151
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	48
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Community Family Services Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP905106
Telephone number	0151 345 5155
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Northcote Afterschool Club registered in 2020, to operate from Northcote Primary School in Liverpool. The club is managed by a private provider. The provision is not currently operating. It is planned that the club will provide after-school care for primary age children, during term time only. The club has two members of staff, both have an appropriate level 3 early years qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sandra Hamilton

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began and first since the club was registered. 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 the safety and planned organisation of the provision and discussed the suitability of the premises.
- The inspector held discussions with the provider about training records, setting's policies and procedures.
- The inspector reviewed evidence of ongoing safeguarding training and relevant documentation.
- The provider discussed with the inspector about her aims for the club and explained what activities that she had planned to be on offer for children.

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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