

Inspection of Hoots After School Club

Toftwood Junior School, Westfield Road, DEREHAM, Norfolk NR19 1JB

Inspection date:

7 November 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the provider demonstrates a good knowledge of how to keep children safe and how to identify a child who could be at risk of harm. Leaders know the appropriate action to take if they have concerns about children's welfare or the behaviour of an adult. The provider understands wider aspects of safeguarding, such as county lines and the 'Prevent' duty.
- Leaders are committed to providing staff with systems of support. They explain how induction procedures will help staff to settle into their role. They describe how ongoing support and training will help to ensure the best outcomes for children.
- The provider describes how they plan activities based around children's interests. Through discussion, they demonstrate how they will ensure resources are accessible to allow children to lead their own play. Leaders explain how they will involve children in planning and evaluating activities.
- The provider demonstrates a commitment to forming strong relationships with parents. Leaders recognise the importance of sharing information with parents regarding all aspects of children's care. Leaders describe how they will act upon feedback from parents to further raise standards.
- Through discussion, the provider exhibits a good awareness of how to promote children's positive behaviour. Leaders explain how staff will help children learn to share when they play. They describe how they will reinforce appropriate boundaries and involve parents at an early stage.
- The provider is committed to encouraging children to be independent. Leaders are clear about how they will involve children in routines, such as tidying up and clearing away after snack times.
- The provider has a good understanding of how to promote children's health and well-being. Leaders are passionate about how they will prepare a range of healthy snacks and ensure that children will have access to fresh water. Leaders describe how they will ensure children have opportunities to relax and unwind in comfortable spaces.
- Through discussion, leaders explain ways they will encourage children to be physically active. They describe how they will use the spacious indoor and outdoor areas to develop stimulating activities for children.
- The provider shows an understanding of the importance of keeping staff's knowledge and skills up to date. Leaders explain how they regularly evaluate staff's practice and identify potential areas for professional development.

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	EY448458
Local authority	Norfolk
Inspection number	10233835
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	56
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Little Owls Day Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP535250
Telephone number	01362699700
Date of previous inspection	2 February 2017

Information about this early years setting

Hoots After School Club registered in 2012 and is situated at a school in Dereham, Norfolk. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one at level 2. The club opens from Monday to Friday, during term time only. Sessions are from 3pm until 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Helen Oakden

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 discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the provider.
- The provider showed the inspector areas of the premises that the children will use, both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector sampled key documentation, including training certificates.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how they intend to provide activities and experiences 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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