

Inspection of Play Place After School

Rusthall St. Pauls C of E School, High Street, Rusthall, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent
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Inspection date:

9 January 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Staff have a thorough understanding of how to keep children safe. They know what signs to look for that may suggest a child in danger and who to inform about their concerns. There are clear procedures for staff to follow if allegations are made against them. Staff complete daily risk assessments to ensure the premises and resources are safe for children to use. The manager and his staff conduct regular fire evacuations to help children understand the procedures to follow.
- Staff talk about the activities they plan to help children learn how to share and take turns, such as different ball or board games. There are established routines in place, which children are expected to follow. For example, one end of the hall is for craft and quieter activities, while the other is for more active games.
- Staff know that young children can be independent. In discussion, they talk about encouraging children to set the table with plates and cutlery and serve themselves at mealtimes. Staff take the views and preferences of children into consideration when planning activities. They encourage children to choose their own resources and activities from the wide range available.
- Leaders regularly meet with staff to discuss their performance and training needs. All mandatory training is completed within required timescales. Staff are supported in attaining higher qualifications. However, training to develop skills and knowledge in specific areas, such as special educational needs and/or disabilities, could be more widely available for staff.
- Staff understand the need to have positive relationships with the children. They know that this helps children to relax and have fun. Staff understand the benefit of outdoor play. There are plenty of resources for children to choose from to help support their physical development.
- Leaders recognise the importance of forging strong partnerships with parents. When parents register their children, discussions are held regarding children's preferences, medical issues or dietary requirements. Regular questionnaires are sent to parents to enable leaders to take their views into consideration. Staff are available to talk to parents about any concerns they may have.
- Staff know that it is important to have good links between the club and the host school. They know the value of sharing information about children's needs to support a consistency of care.

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	EY411961
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10263257
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	25
Number of children on roll	15
Name of registered person	Play Place Child Care Services Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901701
Telephone number	07768 228523
Date of previous inspection	26 April 2017

Information about this early years setting

Play Place After School registered in 2010. It operates from a school hall in Rusthall, Kent. The club is open each weekday from 3pm to 6pm, term time only. There are four members of staff; of these, all hold appropriate qualifications to at least level two. One is qualified at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jill Thewlis

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder 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.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and staff about their responsibilities in safeguarding children from harm.
- The manager explained how the activities available for children helped to meet the needs of those who would be attending the club today.
- The inspector spoke to the parents of children as they were collected and took their views into consideration.
- The inspector checked mandatory documents relating to the suitability of staff and their training.
- The inspector observed adults interacting with children both indoors and out.

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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