

# Inspection of Skools out @ St Ambroses

St Ambroses Catholic Primary School, Leswell Street, KIDDERMINSTER,  
Worcestershire DY10 1RP

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Inspection date:

17 January 2023

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

**This inspection**

**Met**

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Previous inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Staff at this club are knowledgeable about the children in their care. They plan activities based around children's interests. Staff explain how the children make choices about what they wish to play with. Children's favourite activities include playing cards, board games and developing their skills in mathematics, turn-taking and communication and language.
- Leaders have an established key-person system in place. They discuss how they build relationships with the children, parents and carers to prioritise children's well-being throughout their time at the club. The information they gain is then shared with the school to help meet children's needs.
- Leaders and staff understand how to support children's personal development. They offer a range of healthy snacks for when the children arrive, including a fruit bowl that is accessible for the children throughout the session. Staff wish to encourage children to meet their own needs, such as washing their hands independently before they eat and helping themselves to water, which is always on offer to the children.
- Leaders discuss their robust recruitment procedure to ensure that all staff are suitable to work with the children at the club. They train staff so they have an up-to-date knowledge of safeguarding and the steps they should take if they have a concern about a child's welfare. Staff know how to assess risks and prepare age-appropriate activities for the children.
- Leaders use feedback forms from both parents and children to evaluate their practice. They discuss how this allows them to make changes should they need to. For example, they now offer hot meals for children who stay until the club closes, as this helps parents and also ensures that all children get a substantial meal before they leave.
- Staff recognise the importance of helping children to understand about the club rules and their expectations. They discuss how they support children to develop respect for each other and promote positive behaviour. Older children are encouraged to look out for and care for the younger children, giving them a sense of responsibility. Staff explain how children take pride in this, and the relationships formed between the children are carried on throughout their time at school.
- The club promotes inclusion. Leaders have systems in place to gather information from parents about children's individual needs before they start at the club. Although the club does not currently care for any children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, managers understand the importance of working in partnership with parents and other professionals to provide children with any extra support they may need.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY379442
<b>Local authority</b>	Worcestershire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10263804
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	4 to 10
<b>Total number of places</b>	42
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	42
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Bradbury, Sara Jane
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP514705
<b>Telephone number</b>	07960 516509
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	12 May 2017

## Information about this early years setting

Skools Out @ St Ambroses is located in Kidderminster and registered in 2008. It is one of two settings run by the same provider. The club employs three members of childcare staff, including the provider. They all hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 or 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday, during school term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.45am, and from 3.20pm to 6pm.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Freya Marskell

## 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 the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with the nominated individual about the leadership and management of the setting.
- The manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how they intend to plan 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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