

Inspection of Whizz Kids

Woodchurch C of E Primary School, Church Lane, Upton, WIRRAL, Merseyside
CH49 7LS

Inspection date:

16 January 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (enforcement)

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Children's safety is not assured at this club. This is because the committee has not informed Ofsted of some of its members. Therefore, Ofsted has not been able to carry out suitability checks. Furthermore, the provider has not ensured that there is a manager in place and a named deputy manager who is capable to take charge in the manager's absence. The arrangements for overseeing the club are incredibly poor. Staff training and the arrangements for the supervision of staff have not been prioritised. Therefore, staff are not able to fulfil their roles and responsibilities or to assess the overall running and quality of the club.

Despite these issues, children are happy and enjoy their time at the club. They have access to a suitable range of games and activities. Children benefit from being able to relax and participate in activities of their choice. Older children offer support and guidance to younger children and invite them into their play. They build strong relationships with the staff and other children. This helps children to feel emotionally secure with the staff at the club. Children respond positively to instructions and behave well.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- The provider has failed to notify Ofsted of committee members at the club. Therefore, checks have not been carried out to assess their suitability. These people play a key role in making decisions about the club. Furthermore, these people take on specific roles and responsibilities in the club, such as the designated safeguarding lead. In addition to this, leaders have not informed Ofsted of changes to the operating hours. The provider demonstrates an insufficient understanding of the requirement to notify Ofsted of changes. Children's safety is compromised.
- There is currently no appointed manager and named deputy manager in place. Staff are offered little support and run the club independently, with no clear guidance from the provider. This further demonstrates a lack of the provider's understanding of the requirements and adequate knowledge of their roles and responsibilities. This prevents staff from having an accurate overview of the quality of the club and the opportunities that they offer to children.
- Staff do not have supervision meetings. Therefore, they do not have the opportunities to discuss their performance and professional development. This compromises their ability to support children's care and emotional needs. Furthermore, staff do not have the opportunity to speak about their own well-being and make suggestions to improve the club. A lack of appropriate supervision arrangements has been a reoccurring issue raised in previous inspections. Consequently, this demonstrates that the provider does not have

the sufficient knowledge or ability to continually improve the quality of the club.

- Despite the weaknesses in leadership, staff get to know the children well. They have a good understanding of children's interests and use this information to plan activities that they will enjoy. For example, recently, children have shown interest in different countries. Staff sit with children, and together they complete a large jigsaw of a map of the world. Furthermore, they provide children with books specific to certain countries where family members live. This leads to conversations about different cultures and promotes children's awareness and understanding of the wider world and diversity.
- Children learn about the benefits of keeping themselves healthy and active. For example, they take part in devising healthy and nutritious meals and snacks. Children independently carry out good hygiene procedures, such as washing their hands before eating food and after using the toilet. Children eagerly take part in fun dance activities. They watch dance videos on a large screen and copy the moves. This encourages children to move their bodies around, helps support their coordination skills and keeps them active.
- Parents state that staff are friendly and kind. They are provided with regular updates of things that their children do at the club, and information is shared about their child's day at school. Staff provide parents with questionnaires to capture their views and suggestions. Parents express that they are happy with the communication they receive from staff.
- All the staff at the club also work at the connecting school throughout the day. Staff are aware of the topics children are working on at school. This helps staff to enhance children's development at the club.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

The provider has failed to keep Ofsted up to date of the committee members. Therefore, the suitability of some committee members has not been assured by Ofsted. There is no manager or named deputy to take responsibility of the club. Nevertheless, staff have a secure knowledge of the procedures to follow if they have a concern about the welfare of a child. They confidently discuss the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and attend safeguarding training. Risk assessments are carried out by staff. Staff hold first-aid certificates. This provides staff with the knowledge and skills to sufficiently attend to children should a medical incident occur.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

The provision is not meeting requirements and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
ensure that leaders and staff looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their roles	24/02/2023
ensure that a qualified and experienced manager is in place, and ensure there is a named deputy in place who is capable and qualified to take charge in the manager's absence	24/02/2023
ensure there are effective supervision arrangements in place that support staff well-being, and provide coaching and training that fosters a culture of mutual support and continuous improvement.	24/02/2023

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY402780
Local authority	Wirral
Inspection number	10264318
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 11
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	118
Name of registered person	Whizz Kids Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP529405
Telephone number	01516774788
Date of previous inspection	12 June 2017

Information about this early years setting

Whizz Kids registered in 2009. It is located in Upton, Wirral. The club employs four members of childcare staff, all of whom hold appropriate qualifications at level 2 or above. The club opens from 7.50am to 8.45am and 3.20pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, during term time only. A holiday club operates during school holidays, from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Kellie Lever

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 and the provision.
- The inspector viewed the setting and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises with staff.
- The inspector spoke with the staff, children and parents during the inspection.
- The inspector held discussions with staff.
- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including the suitability of staff and first-aid qualifications.

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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