

Inspection of School's Out Club

Pickering Library, The Ropery, Pickering YO18 8DY

Inspection date:

8 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager and senior staff have worked together diligently. They have made sure that weaknesses identified at the last inspection have been effectively addressed. They have greatly welcomed support from the local authority and other experienced providers.
- All staff undertake training to keep their knowledge and skills up to date. They are also supported to achieve further qualifications. Staff are enthusiastic about their recent training. They comment on how much more confident they are in their role. Their knowledge of the risks that some children are exposed to is greatly increased. They understand local safeguarding procedures. They know how to get support for struggling families and how to protect children's welfare.
- Procedures are in place for the safe recruitment of staff. All staff are fully vetted prior to caring for the children. Many staff have worked together for a long time and they know the children and their families well. This provides continuity and contributes to the safeguarding of children and their families.
- The manager and staff work well with school staff to make sure that children's needs are met. Risk assessments are carefully adhered to. Regular routines keep children safe and well. For example, routes to and from school are planned to include the safest road crossing areas.
- Staff know how to create positive relationships and a pleasant environment where children can be happy and settled. Children are encouraged to talk openly to each other and to staff. Staff know how to support children's emotional well-being.
- Staff provide healthy snacks and meals. This includes ample portions of fresh fruit, and free access to drinking water. Staff help children to understand the importance of washing their hands before they eat.
- Staff plan a range of play experiences, indoors, outdoors and off site, to keep children engaged and entertained. They know the youngest children very well and know what they like to do on the days that they attend. There is a good range of resources, which are invitingly presented.
- Staff understand how to support children's good behaviour. They provide group activities and buddy arrangements for the younger children. They explain that this helps them to settle alongside the older children who also attend. The older children talk fondly of the younger ones and say that they like to play with them.

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	EY492061
Local authority	North Yorkshire
Inspection number	10238963
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 9
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	21
Name of registered person	Thornhill, Claire
Registered person unique reference number	RP513873
Telephone number	01751 476728
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2022

Information about this early years setting

School's Out Club registered in 2015. The club employs nine members of childcare staff. Of these, the majority hold an appropriate early years qualification. The club opens Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.10pm to 6pm during term time, and from 8am to 6pm during some of the school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Pat Edmond

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector had a discussion with the manager and staff about the training and support they had received and how this had improved their understanding and practice.
- The inspector looked at children's records, policies and procedures, training certificates and a range of other documentation required for the safe and effective management of the provision.
- The inspector saw all areas of the premises used by the setting and accompanied staff to collect older children from school to find out how the club operates.
- The inspector spoke to parents of older children who were attending. Parents of early years children, who were not attending on the day of the inspection, were also spoken to. The inspector spoke to the older children throughout the inspection.

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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