

Report for childcare on domestic premises

Inspection date:

14 February 2023

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager, who is also the provider of the club, shows a secure and confident understanding of all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. She knows the signs and symptoms of all areas of abuse to be aware of, including wider aspects, such as the 'Prevent' duty. The manager knows who to contact to seek advice and raise and follow up any potential concerns. The manager understands how to respond to any allegations against staff. There are clear safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures in place to help keep children safe and protect their welfare.
- The manager understands the importance of establishing positive relationships with parents. She is knowledgeable regarding the benefits of keeping parents fully involved and informed in their children's time at the club. This includes sharing what they have enjoyed doing, and what they have achieved during their time there.
- The manager knows how to effectively review and evaluate her practice, together with all staff. She understands the benefits of doing this routinely to continue to develop her practice. The manager will include the views and suggestions of staff, parents and children. For example, they will talk to children each day about what they have enjoyed and what they would like to do differently next time.
- The manager intends for all staff to continue to carry out regular independent reading and research to help them keep up to date. Staff will attend beneficial training to enhance the opportunities they provide children. For example, the manager has recently learned about how to safely teach children the skill of archery.
- The manager has a secure and confident understanding of how staff will keep children engaged and motivated in their play experiences. She intends to ensure staff get to know children's individual personalities, including what makes them unique. This will help staff plan challenging activities that they know children will enjoy. Children will enjoy a wide range of outings, including participating in outdoor forest activities, such as den building.
- The manager intends to establish positive relationships with children and help them settle confidently, quickly and happily into the club. The environment is warm and inviting and will help children feel safe and secure. The manager intends for children to take ownership of the club. Children will be encouraged to be independent, such as completing their own tasks.
- The manager will ensure staff are positive role models and encourage children to develop good social skills. This includes playing team games where they are required to share and take turns. Staff will help children understand what is expected of their behaviour to support them to be polite and behave well. The manager will ensure that practice is inclusive and diverse. This will help children to respect other peoples' similarities and differences outside of their own communities and experiences.

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	EY487359
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10264158
Type of provision	Childcare on domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	6 to 10
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	60
Registered person unique reference number	RP510910
Date of previous inspection	6 June 2017

Information about this early years setting

Care4kids After School and Holiday Club registered in 2016. It is located in Charing, Kent. The setting cares for children from Tuesday to Thursday, from 8.30am to 5.30pm, during school holidays only. The setting employs four members of staff, all of whom hold a relevant early years qualification at level 3 and above. This includes a member of staff who holds a relevant early years qualification at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Hawkins

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 with the manager the play opportunities the club intends to provide all children.
- The inspector viewed the indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- Written documentation was reviewed. This included safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- During the inspection, the inspector spoke to the manager and considered their views.

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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