

# Inspection of Schools Out

St Clare's Catholic Primary School, Robert Road, Birmingham B20 3RT

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Inspection date:

28 February 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Managers and staff demonstrate exceptional knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. They confidently discuss the correct procedures to follow should they have concerns about a child, including the importance of working with external professionals to promote children's safety and welfare.
- Through discussions, it is evident that managers and staff have high levels of respect and appreciation for each child and their families' backgrounds. They talk sensitively about children's individual needs and the importance of empowering parents, which they hope in turn will have a positive impact on children's outcomes.
- Managers are extremely enthusiastic. They demonstrate a clear intent to continually build on the quality of provision. For instance, managers are currently working with other professionals to create an on-site support network for parents. They aim to enhance parent's well-being and provide them with more opportunities to develop personal skills, such as cooking.
- Since registration, staff have continued to attend a wealth of training which focuses on the needs of those children and families who attend the club. They closely monitor what impact any professional development opportunities have on children's outcomes.
- Managers use parent's views to support their evaluation of the club. They value their ideas and experiences and demonstrate how their feedback has been used to improve the service they provide. Through questionnaires, parents share their positive views of the club and comment that they are extremely happy with the experiences their children receive.
- Staff demonstrate how they plan activities to encourage children to make choices and communicate their wishes and feelings. For example, they highlight how strategies, such as the 'Children's Council' and the 'have your say box' can help children to contribute towards their experiences.
- Managers and staff understand the importance of promoting children's positive behaviours. They explain why children should contribute towards making club rules, and the importance of children having responsibilities within the routine, such as preparing their own snacks.
- Staff confidently explain the procedures in place which help to support children to settle. For example, on arrival, staff issue all children with an 'All About Me' document to encourage them to share their interests. Managers state that this helps staff to build on children's experiences and support their emotional well-being from the beginning.
- Managers and staff fully understand their roles and responsibilities to work with school teachers of the early years children who attend the club. They explain how they incorporate what children learn at school into their play to enhance children's knowledge and skills further.

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>	2623132
<b>Local authority</b>	Birmingham
<b>Inspection number</b>	10264674
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	5 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	20
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Dixon, Dorothy
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP514799
<b>Telephone number</b>	07788831874
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Schools Out registered in 2020. The club is situated in Handsworth, Birmingham. Sessions run from Monday to Friday, between 3pm to 5.30pm, during term time. The club employs three members of staff, all of whom hold approved early years qualifications at level 3 or above.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Mikaela Stallard

## 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 had a tour of the club and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The manager discussed how they intend to organise the club to support early years children.
- Older children's parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The inspector looked at policies and key documents to be used when caring for early years children.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during 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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