

# Inspection of Blackbirds Fun For Kids at Downview

Downview Primary School, Wroxham Way, BOGNOR REGIS, West Sussex PO22  
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Inspection date:

28 March 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

- The nominated person, who is also the manager, has a clear understanding of her role and responsibilities. She recognises the importance of using good self-evaluation to help identify any areas for improvement. For instance, she is currently looking at strengthening the supervision process used to support her staff team. Staff are provided with regular professional development opportunities to help them to update their knowledge and practice.
- The manager understands the importance of gathering information when children first start to help them to settle quickly and build a sense of belonging. She recognises and understands how to provide an enjoyable range of activities for all children at the club, to help complement their day at school. The manager knows to involve her team and the children in planning and what resources to provide to keep children motivated and engaged.
- The manager and the staff team are aware of their responsibility to protect the children in their care. There is a clear procedure in place that staff can follow to report any concerns for a child's welfare. The manager ensures that the staff team are aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse, including differing cultural practices, radicalisation and online grooming.
- The manager understands the importance of building effective partnerships with parents and the school. She knows to share information to support children in all areas of their development and individual needs. Parents hold the team in high regard and value the attention that staff give to each and every child.
- The manager is aware of how to support children to have opportunities to be physically active and have regular access to the outdoors. She knows to help children to gain an awareness of making healthy choices at snack times.
- The manager acknowledges the importance of staff helping children to behave well and understand routines and boundaries. She is confident in how staff can be effective role models to build on children's understanding. The manager knows to involve children in regular discussions to help them to build on their social skills and to share and play with others.

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>	EY433007
<b>Local authority</b>	West Sussex
<b>Inspection number</b>	10263034
<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>	4 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	30
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	70
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Crouch, Fay Kathleen
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP515252
<b>Telephone number</b>	07961824049 or 07572006388
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	18 April 2017

## Information about this early years setting

Blackbirds Fun For Kids at Downview registered in 2011. It operates from a classroom in Downview Primary School, in Bognor Regis, West Sussex. The club operates weekdays during school terms, from 7.30am to 8.45am, and after school from 3pm to 6pm. The holiday club operates weekdays in all school holidays, from 8am to 6pm. There are seven members of staff employed to work with the children. Of these, four members of staff hold early years qualifications at level 3 and two members of staff hold early years qualifications at level 2.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Gwendolyn Andrews

## 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.
- A range of documentation was sampled, including suitability checks, policies and procedures, staff recruitment and training.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and staff at appropriate times. The inspector took account of written feedback from parents.
- Discussions were held with the manager and the staff about their safeguarding knowledge and understanding, including the procedures they would use to report any concerns for a child's welfare.
- The inspector discussed the use of self-evaluation and the current areas identified for improvement. The inspector completed a learning walk with the manager around the areas of the school used for the breakfast and after-school provision.

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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