

Inspection of Lamesley childcare@ Oakfield Jnr School

Chowdene Bank, Low Fell, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE9 6JH

Inspection date: 21 June 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children are collected from school and are greeted by happy, enthusiastic staff. The organisation of rooms across two age groups enables staff to plan and provide appropriate activities and resources for all children. Systems in place ensure there is a good handover and staff are informed of any relevant information with regard to the child's day at school. Children are very familiar with the routines when they arrive at the club. They know to wash their hands ready for a healthy tea. They chat to the staff and their friends about their day and what they want to do at the club. Young children are settled and demonstrate they feel safe and confident. An effective key-person system ensures they receive support and reassurance from attentive, familiar staff.

Children are very eager and motivated to explore the activities planned. They show great enthusiasm to make a large collage of a caterpillar. They spend time at this activity as they mix colours and make comparisons of shades, chatting to their friends and helping one another. They enjoy the relaxing activity and spend time making various elements, discussing what they need and why. Interactions from staff are good and children delight in inviting them into their games. For example, they relish their time outdoors and have fun with various ball activities. They have ample opportunities to get fresh air and exercise after a day at school and children can choose where they play. Equally, well-planned quality play opportunities are available within the child-friendly playrooms indoors for those who prefer quieter activities.

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

- The club has established very good partnerships with parents. They ensure that parents are kept informed about every aspect of the club and actively seek parents comments and views. Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the club. They comment that staff are committed to their work and that they provide a nurturing, inclusive and stimulating environment that children love to attend.
- The provider is passionate about providing a happy and safe place for children to enjoy while their parents work. She has clear aims for the club and thoroughly promotes children's independence. For example, children successfully help themselves to snacks and serve their own tea.
- The manager and management team have a very good understanding of the club. They acknowledge their strengths and areas for development. Staff have regular supervisions sessions, which enable the manager to identify training and to support staff well-being. Staff comment that they feel very well supported by the management team.
- Throughout the club, behaviour is very good. Children know and understand

what is expected of them. Older children are encouraged to resolve their own conflicts. However, when needed, staff ensure that any issues that arise are dealt with swiftly. They take the time to explain to children the consequences of their actions and the impact on others. Staff provide a positive role model for children and offer constant praise and encouragement.

- Staff talk to children about the benefits that healthy foods have on their bodies. For example, they tell children that cheese has protein and is good for their bones and teeth. Children discuss foods that contain sugar and understand that these may decay their teeth. Staff talk to children about the importance of cleaning their teeth twice a day, helping to promote good oral hygiene.
- Staff encourage children to work together and join in team games. They ensure all children know the rules before they start to play. Older children encourage younger children to join in. This ensures all children develop a sense of belonging and feel involved in the club activities. Children are confident to call out and participate in the games positively.
- Children talk enthusiastically about their time at the club. They talk about enjoying craft, technology, role play, outdoor play, snacks and playing with their friends. Staff seek children's views of what they would like to do while at the club. For example, children plan for the next day and weeks ahead, following their own ideas. Children state that the staff are kind to them. Staff work in partnership with school and parents to provide personalised care and support for every child.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff give the safety of the children the highest priority. They ensure that children understand how to keep themselves safe. For example, staff talk to children about online safety. The manager, who is also the safeguarding lead, is very proactive to ensure that staff keep their knowledge up to date through providing in-house training. She asks questions of the staff, giving them different scenarios to check their knowledge. Staff have a good understanding of their role and responsibilities. They are aware of the signs that indicate a child may be at risk of harm and know what to do to report any concerns.

Setting details

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Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10289013
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	41
Number of children on roll	62
Name of registered person	Lamesley Childcare
Registered person unique reference number	RP909148
Telephone number	07595282195
Date of previous inspection	9 November 2017

Information about this early years setting

Lamesley childcare@ Oakfield Jnr School registered in 2006 and is located in Low Fell, Gateshead. The club employs eight members of childcare staff, of whom three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 8.55am and 3.05pm until 6pm, term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

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 spoke with staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed children taking part in activities both indoors and outside.
- Discussions were held with children to ascertain their views of the club.
- Parents views were gathered through written feedback provided.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation.

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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