

# Inspection of Under The Sea Club

Ocklynge County Junior School, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne BN20 8XN

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Inspection date: 14 July 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

- The manager and staff know how to provide a good range of play experiences. They are able to set out motivating activities that allow children to be active or just relax at the end of a busy school day. Staff plan around a topic that will interest children, such as the funfair, on the day of the inspection.
- Staff understand the need to build good relationships with the children and help them feel at ease when they arrive at the club. They demonstrate this with older children as they happily chat or help children choose between the activities on offer. Staff are attentive and supportive.
- The manager and staff have a good understanding of how to manage children's behaviour using positive strategies. Staff say these strategies reflect those used in school and help children understand the effect of their behaviour on others. The manager and staff model respect and kindness and explain their clear expectations for an orderly club.
- During the inspection, the manager spoke about the importance of encouraging children to lead healthy lifestyles. This means providing children with a range of healthy food choices for snack and tea, including fruit and vegetables. He says children are encouraged to have fresh air and exercise, playing cricket or football outside, for example.
- Parents are complimentary about the club and praise the 'friendly and approachable' staff. They appreciate the safe and convenient childcare where their children can have an enjoyable time. The manager understands the need to provide parents with information about their children's activities in the club. He plans to act on feedback from parents and children to make improvements to the club, such as supporting children with their homework.
- The manager describes a very good relationship with staff in the host school. The club is a valued part of the school community. Staff communicate well with school staff when they go to collect children. They share information to help ensure children's emotional well-being and care needs are met.
- Managers of the company support the club well. They check staff are suitable to work with children and provide training to keep staff skills and knowledge up to date. Staff say they are happy in their role. This helps to provide a happy environment for the children.
- The manager and staff conduct daily checks of the areas used by the children to identify and minimise safety hazards. The site is secure and children cannot leave the premises until handed over to parents. The manager and staff understand the need to be vigilant about children's welfare. They are confident in their knowledge of the procedures to follow if they have a concern about a child's welfare or the behaviour of a colleague.

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>	2673051
<b>Local authority</b>	East Sussex
<b>Inspection number</b>	10302657
<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>	7 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	73
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Sussex School Solutions Ltd
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	2638172
<b>Telephone number</b>	01435812295
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Under the Sea Club registered in February 2022 in Eastbourne, East Sussex. It operates from 7.30am to 8.45am and from 3.15pm to 6pm, each week day, during term time only. The club employs four staff, two of whom hold a level 2 qualification.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Sue Suleyman

### Inspection activities

- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The manager discussed with the inspector how the club is organised to meet children's needs.
- The inspector viewed a sample of documentation and checked the suitability of adults to work with children.
- Parents shared their views of the club with the inspector.

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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