

Inspection of Early Start Late Finish

Scout Hut, Alverstton Gardens, South Norwood, London SE25 6LR

Inspection date:

25 July 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The leader of the club explains the activities that will be provided at the holiday club. Children will have the opportunity to learn a range of skills, such as cooking and baking alongside developing friendships and their confidence through a range of games. The club will ensure children build on their physical skills through climbing, trampolining and going on daily walks.
- The leader of the club recognises the benefits of strong parent partnerships. They explain how they will encourage parents to join in with celebrations and share cultural traditions. The club will communicate with parents through a messaging app. Parents will receive a regular newsletter and annual meetings to discuss children's progress.
- Children will have an opportunity to learn about the local community. Taking regular visits to the nearby allotments to learn about fresh fruit and vegetables, alongside visiting local shops and parks. The club has good links with the local school and work closely with them to support children who attend both settings. They plan to offer an inclusive environment and make adjustments to meet children's needs, to ensure every child feels welcome.
- Leaders understand the importance of regular training and professional development. However, staff have not attended any recent training to develop their knowledge and skills further. Leaders have good relationships with their team and work closely together. However, leaders do not currently complete supervisions with staff and do not have clear systems for checking ongoing suitability.
- Leaders explain their responsibilities for safeguarding children, including reporting any concerns. However, all staff would benefit from safeguarding training around other forms of abuse. This will ensure that they are able to clearly identify concerns and take appropriate action. Leaders highlight the importance of completing regular risk assessments. They complete these on the indoor and outdoor environment to ensure the premises are safe and secure. However, there are no adults with a current full paediatric first-aid certificate on site.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage, the provider must:

	Due date
obtain a full paediatric first-aid certificate to ensure that a suitably qualified adult is available when children are present	25/08/2023
improve knowledge of broader safeguarding aspects, such as female genital mutilation, the 'Prevent' duty and county lines, to clearly identify and respond to any signs of possible abuse	30/09/2023
develop appropriate arrangements for the supervision of staff, to support the monitoring of ongoing suitability and continuing professional development.	25/08/2023

Setting details

Unique reference number	124979
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10301116
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Dennis, Audrey
Registered person unique reference number	RP512696
Telephone number	07957 260802
Date of previous inspection	11 January 2018

Information about this early years setting

Early Start Late Finish registered in 2000. It operates from a Scout hut in South Norwood, in the London Borough of Croydon. The club is open Monday to Friday from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm. The setting operates a school holiday club from 7.30am to 6pm. There are three members of staff, two hold appropriate qualifications at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Tania King

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 viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with the nominated individual about the leadership and management of the setting.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The nominated individual showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

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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