

Inspection of Crofters at Barn

Gostling Road, WHITTON, Middlesex TW2 6ER

Inspection date:

4 August 2023

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

**This
inspection**

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Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager and staff are very inclusive. They offer after school and holiday care to children with a range of special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff get to know the children well. They consider their individual welfare needs to plan a range of appropriate activities that the children enjoy.
- Staff create an environment that helps the children feel safe and happy. They observe and interact with children in their play and use their knowledge of what children enjoy to plan activities. Children are able to take part safely in activities that they find interesting. Staff also make sure that children are exposed to new resources that they have not used before. Children enjoy practising a range of new skills.
- Managers and staff build strong relationships with parents. They work closely with parents to create plans to meet children's specific emotional and physical needs. Staff find out relevant information about individual children and use this to design a routine that enables children to feel secure and settled at the setting.
- Managers and staff work effectively with a range of expert partners to support children. They ensure that information about children's welfare needs is shared between partners. Children's changing needs are considered over time to ensure continuity of care.
- Staff plan a variety of interesting outings to local attractions. For example, children visit the local farm and touch different animals. Children are able to explore the world around them. They gain confidence in a variety of settings and through new experiences.
- The manager has a very strong understanding of the safeguarding issues that may affect children in her care. She creates a robust set of policies and procedures. The manager shares these with staff. All staff understand their responsibilities to report concerns to their local safeguarding partners.
- Staff regularly carry out risk assessments of the setting to ensure that children are safe. They consider the individual needs of children to carefully evaluate risk, both inside the setting and on outings. Staff are flexible and adapt to the individual requirements of children. They ensure that all children can access what they need in a safe way.
- Staff support children to regulate their feelings. They consider the emotional needs of children when planning their routine. For example, children have access to quiet spaces and opportunities to play with staff and other children. Children feel relaxed and happy. They are well supported to manage their feelings.
- The manager is reflective of her practice. She works effectively with staff to evaluate what support they need to further develop their skills and knowledge. The manager regularly arranges continuous professional development opportunities for staff. As a result, their understanding of child development continues to improve over time.

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

Unique reference number	EY415515
Local authority	Richmond Upon Thames
Inspection number	10301248
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	7 to 7
Total number of places	9
Number of children on roll	1
Name of registered person	London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames
Registered person unique reference number	RP904564
Telephone number	0208 831 6044
Date of previous inspection	29 January 2018

Information about this early years setting

Crofters at Barn registered in 2010. The club provides respite care for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities on a referral basis. The club operates after school between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and during the holidays between 10am and 4pm. The club employs four members of childcare staff, one of whom holds an appropriate childcare qualification at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kate Daurge

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 special educational needs coordinator spoke to the inspector about how they support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The manager 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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