

Inspection of Fun Fest Sutton - Warmley

Deanery C Of E Primary School, 14 Fox Hollies Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 2RD

Inspection date:

24 August 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children who attend this holiday club take part in a range of exciting and interesting activities, which are planned to capture their interest. As they arrive, they receive a warm welcome from staff and settle quickly to their chosen task. This demonstrates that they feel happy and secure. Children forge friendships and build relationships with staff and their peers. They say that they like meeting new friends who do not go to the same school as them and look forward to meeting them again at the next holiday club. Children's behaviour is exceptionally good. Staff reinforce the club rules at the start of the day. Children remember that they have to use 'kind hands' and kind words and listen to adults. When staff ask what the main rule of the club is, children shout loudly that it is to have fun.

Staff provide many opportunities for children to spend time outdoors in the fresh air. Younger children play games using a parachute and excitedly shake the parachute up and down. Older children learn new skills as they play rounders and shoot balls into a basketball net. Children especially enjoy letting the butterflies they have hatched and cared for over the summer go. They excitedly gather round as staff open the net to let the butterflies fly away.

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

- The nominated individual is dedicated and determined to provide children who attend the club with high-quality experiences. He regularly evaluates the quality of the provision and is able to recognise areas where improvements can be made. He continually tries to find ways to make the changes and improve the already good provision.
- Staff well-being is given high priority. The nominated individual knows all of the staff and is mindful of their personal circumstances. Staff talk about how supportive he is and how approachable they find him. Staff benefit from in-depth inductions and regular supervision meetings to help them understand and be fully equipped for their role. The nominated individual is keen for staff to enhance their professional development through training. Staff say that he checks their knowledge by asking them questions to make sure they have understood the training content and know how to put what they have learned into practice.
- Children chat confidently to other children, staff and visitors. They say that they enjoy the activities. They especially like the obstacle course, the egg and spoon race and making new friends. Staff value children's opinions. They ask them to make choices throughout the day and continually engage them in conversation.
- Younger children enjoy taking part in cooking activities, where they ice biscuits and make rocky road. They wait patiently for icing sugar to be tipped into their

bowls and talk about the changes that take place when water is added. They choose the food colouring they want to add and shout excitedly as their icing turns pink and red. They share the sweets to decorate their biscuits and negotiate between themselves which ones they would like. Children pretend that their rocky road is 'Gruffalo crumble' and 'scrambled snake' from a favourite story. At times, staff are overly directive and carry out tasks that children could do themselves, such as pouring the icing sugar.

- Older children work in pairs to make slime. They carefully mix glue and the 'slime activator' together and are fascinated as they watch the texture change. They place the slime in cups that they have decorated with stickers. Children especially enjoy decorating pencil cases, caps and T-shirts with their own design and are proud of their achievements.
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities are fully integrated into the club. They are encouraged to take part in the activities and staff provide them with additional support when needed. Parents share any additional care/support plans children have and staff work closely with parents to ensure these are fully implemented into practice.
- Children's health is given high priority. Allergies and dietary requirements are strictly adhered to, and the club operates a no nut policy. Children with additional medical needs are closely monitored and staff are vigilant in ensuring their ongoing safety and well-being.
- Parents are extremely happy with the quality of the service they receive. They say that their children enjoy attending and often ask to go to club on the days when they are not booked in. Parents especially like that staff are consistent from one holiday to the next and remember their children's names.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Safeguarding children is given high priority. The nominated individual, managers and staff have an exceptionally good knowledge of safeguarding. They are able to confidently recognise signs that may indicate a child is being abused. They know the procedures to follow should they have a concern about a child or another member of staff. The premises are safe and secure. Staff wear walkie-talkies to enable them to be in contact with each other at all times. Robust recruitment ensures that all staff working with the children are safe and suitable for their role.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2648174
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	10304869
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	3 to 12
Total number of places	100
Number of children on roll	303
Name of registered person	RC Fun Fest Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2648173
Telephone number	07788309011
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Fun Fest Sutton – Warmley registered in 2021. The holiday club employs 17 members of staff, four members of staff hold qualifications at level 3 and level 6. Sessions are available from 8am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, during school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rebecca Johnson

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 club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector talked to staff, children and parents at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.

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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