

Inspection of Fun Fest Sutton - Four Oaks

Hill West Primary School, Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield B74 4LD

Inspection date:

23 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

The enthusiastic and welcoming staff greet children warmly as they arrive at the club. Children clearly enjoy attending the club and show high levels of enjoyment. They are keen to chat to the staff and eager to seek out their friends. Children are happy, and relaxed and confidently choose what they want to do from a wide range of activities on offer. Staff have high expectations of children's behaviour and children respond positively to this. Staff include children in deciding on the rules that are important to them. Consequently, behaviour is good and there is a calm and friendly atmosphere in the club. Older children are kind and patient with younger ones, encouraging them to join in their play and teach them new skills.

Children demonstrate they feel safe in the club. There are lots of conversations and laughter throughout the club. Children engage visitors in discussions and say what they enjoy about the club. They talk about how they look forward to spending time with their friends. They comment, 'I like painting and getting all messy.' Children are excited as they participate in different science experiments. Children use their imagination as they make unicorn masks and are excited to join in the treasure hunt linked to the same theme.

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

- The nominated individual is dedicated to providing an excellent club for the children who attend. He is supported by an equally committed manager and staff team. Parents highly praise the club and say their children 'love attending'. They comment on the 'kind and welcoming staff', who provide an environment that is fun and safe for their children.
- The nominated individual places a strong emphasis on training staff to help to ensure that they understand their roles and responsibilities. He regularly reflects on the service they provide to help to identify where improvements can be made.
- The nominated individual ensures the club promotes inclusion. Staff gather information from parents about children's individual needs. They work in partnership with parents and other professionals to provide children with any extra support they may need. Consequently, children with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive the support they need to participate in activities of their choosing and to feel included.
- The nominated individual ensures that the youngest children are allocated a key person. Staff provide lots of cuddles and reassurance, so children feel safe and secure from the start and develop strong attachments to the staff. New children settle quickly into the club and make good friendships.
- Children have plenty of opportunities to be physically active and spend time

outdoors every day. They have great fun as they climb, balance and swing on a wide range of adventure play equipment. They enjoy playing ball games, riding on scooters and bikes and chasing their friends.

- Staff value the opinions and ideas of the children. They involve children in the planning of activities. Consequently, children are confident to express their views and develop a strong sense of belonging at the club.
- Staff manage behaviour well. They are good role models who speak to the children and each other with respect. Staff are consistent in their approach and address children in a calm and sensitive manner. Children behave well. They share, take turns and use good manners.
- Children are busy and focused as they enjoy the wide variety of activities provided by the staff, indoors and outdoors. At other times, they sit and relax in the cosy, quiet area.
- Children demonstrate high levels of self-esteem. As they take part in creative activities, they show what they have made with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Children are encouraged to be independent. They are responsible for their own belongings when they arrive. They choose their peg and hang their belongings. At snack time, children serve up their own food and drinks and clear away when they have finished.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Leaders and staff demonstrate a good understanding of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse. They know when and where to refer any concerns they may have about a child's welfare. Staff carry out daily checks of the premises to help to identify and remove any hazards. This helps them to provide a safe environment for children to play in. Managers have robust recruitment procedures in place to help to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. Staff are deployed effectively across the club to make sure children are supervised effectively at all times.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2648176
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	10304870
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 - Four Oaks, registered in 2021. The club employs 17 members of staff, four of whom hold appropriate childcare qualifications at level 3 and above, including one with qualified teacher status. The club operates Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm, during each school holiday, with the exception of Christmas and bank holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Karen Laycock

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 looked at relevant documentation and records. She checked evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to children and parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nominated individual and the manager and spoke to them and staff at convenient times throughout the inspection.

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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