

# Inspection of Fun Express Ltd

St Albans Catholic Primary School, Priory Lane, Macclesfield SK10 3HJ

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Inspection date:

8 September 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not Met (enforcement)

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Since the last inspection, significant improvements have been made. Self-evaluation has helped to identify ways to develop the club. The improved risk assessments help to keep the premises secure. The manager explains how staff are deployed with children to supervise them and keep them safe.
- Enthusiastic staff work well together. The manager provides staff training, support and regular meetings. This helps staff to keep their knowledge updated to meet the needs of children. For example, recent food hygiene training has helped staff to ensure that snacks are prepared safely.
- Staff describe how they celebrate festivals to help children to become aware of the wider world. Staff explain how they celebrate important customs, such as a Japanese Star Festival. Staff describe how children learn to recognise what makes them unique, for example, when they create self-portraits.
- Staff demonstrate that they can identify signs that may indicate a child is suffering from harm. They know how to report any concerns. Staff understand the procedure to follow if they are concerned about the conduct of a colleague.
- The manager explains how staff use different ways to successfully promote positive behaviour. For example, staff award children with a 'merit' when they show kindness to others and for excellent work. The merits are counted and lead to a prize from the 'lucky-dip bucket'.
- Staff explain how they provide interesting activities, such as board games, creative materials and technology devices. These are used to encourage children to enjoy their time at the club, after a busy school day.
- Staff share information with school teachers about anything significant that may have occurred during the school day. This communication helps to develop consistency in supporting children and meeting their needs.
- Staff explain how they promote children's healthy lifestyles. They talk about the importance of encouraging handwashing before eating. Staff say they also provide fruit flavoured water, rather than sugary drinks.
- Staff greet parents when they collect their children and share information and updates from school. Parents say that staff are caring and that their children do not want to leave.
- Staff follow familiar routines. They say that this helps children to learn what is expected and to develop a sense of belonging. Staff describe how children arrive happily and know to hang up their coats before sitting down for the register.

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

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| <b>Unique reference number</b>                     | EY487282  |
| <b>Local authority</b>                             | Cheshire East   |
| <b>Inspection number</b>                           | 10279297  |
| <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> | 0 to 0  |
| <b>Total number of places</b>                      | 50  |
| <b>Number of children on roll</b>                  | 57  |
| <b>Name of registered person</b>                   | Fun Express Limited   |
| <b>Registered person unique reference number</b>   | RP534437  |
| <b>Telephone number</b>                            | 01625 430292  |
| <b>Date of previous inspection</b>                 | 21 October 2022   |

## Information about this early years setting

Fun Express Ltd registered in 2015 and operates from St Albans Catholic Primary School in Macclesfield. The club employs four members of childcare staff, including the manager. The club opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 8am to 9am and from 3pm to 6pm, during term time, and 8am to 6pm, during school holidays.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Layla Davies

## Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- Although there were no early years 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 manager provided the inspector with a tour of the premises and discussed how the provision is organised.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including policies and procedures and checked for evidence of staff suitability.

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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