

Inspection of THE PARTYHOUSE

South Green Infant and Nursery School, Ganels Road, Billericay CM11 2TG

Inspection date:

13 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The provider, managers and staff understand their responsibilities with regards to keeping children safe. They regularly undertake appropriate training and in-house meetings to help them to keep abreast of changes in safeguarding practice and procedures. The provider has clear procedures in place for referring safeguarding concerns to the appropriate authority and the action to take when allegations are made against staff.
- Staff provide an interesting range of resources, games and sports equipment to help children to engage in purposeful play. The setting has use of the school outdoor play equipment. Staff encourage children to enjoy the outdoor facilities daily where possible.
- Parents spoken to during the inspection speak highly of the staff and comment how much their children like to attend the out-of-school setting. They state that their children like the staff and form close relationships with them.
- Staff and managers work closely with the host school and parents to ascertain a good understanding of children's interests, likes and dislikes. Where possible, staff complement the learning taking place during the school day with similar activities or books.
- The provider has robust recruitment procedures in place to ensure that new staff are appropriately vetted and their suitability is checked. Regular supervision meetings ensure staff are coached and supported to do their job well.
- Staff understand how to manage children's behaviour in a positive way. They have clear boundaries and rules within the out-of-school provision that they help children to learn and follow.

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	EY470552
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10309140
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	4 to 9
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	37
Name of registered person	Little Legs Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP531974
Telephone number	01277 514132
Date of previous inspection	21 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

THE PARTYHOUSE registered in 2013. The after-school club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The after-school club opens from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 3pm until 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Lynn Hughes

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 all areas of the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Children spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The provider 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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