

Inspection of Oakwell Childcare

Minety C Of E School, Sawyers Hill, Minety, Malmesbury SN16 9QL

Inspection date:

19 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Children's social and emotional needs are well met. They enjoy their time at the club and form meaningful relationships with staff. They interact happily with one another and behave well. Staff spend time with children playing games, such as table football. They ensure there are plenty of activities set out in the school hall and other resources available for children to select themselves.
- The manager has a sound understanding of her role and responsibility to keep children safe. She knows the signs and symptoms of abuse and is alert to changes in children's behaviour. She leads the practice of staff at the club, ensuring that they discuss safeguarding arrangements at meetings and undertake child protection training regularly.
- The manager and the other member of staff at the club implement risk assessments appropriately and minimise hazards, to ensure children can play safely. They regularly undertake first-aid training to help them support children in the event of a minor medical emergency.
- Staff promote children's healthy lifestyles. The club has its own grassed garden area outside the hall and access to the school playgrounds and field, to offer children plenty of opportunities to be active outside. Staff provide children with healthy snacks. They support good hygiene practices, such as children using cleaning gel on their hands as they arrive and washing their hands before eating their snack.
- The manager liaises with parents and teachers at the school to gain information on children's needs and interests and make sure that children receive suitably consistent support.
- The manager links with the other manager at their sister club. They meet regularly as a team to discuss their plans and to lead the evaluation of their provisions. Staff receive support for their performance and practice and are encouraged to access training to develop their skills and knowledge further.

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	2655785
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	10308755
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	20
Name of registered person	Waldron, Donna-Marie
Registered person unique reference number	RP543014
Telephone number	07999867381
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Oakwell Childcare registered in 2021 and is located in Minety C of E School, near Malmesbury. The club operates Tuesday to Thursday 3.15pm to 5.15pm during school term times. There are two members of staff, one holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rachel Howell

Inspection activities

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- The inspector had a tour of the premises and viewed all areas that are used when caring for children.
- The inspector observed practice at the club and discussed with the manager the arrangements and support for younger children.
- The inspector checked evidence of the staff's suitability and qualifications and discussed with the manager their arrangements for self-evaluation and improvements.
- Although there were no 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.

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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