

Inspection of Xtra Time Kidz Club

Holywell Community Centre, Tolpits Lane, WATFORD WD18 9QD

Inspection date: 19 September 2023

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not Met (with actions)

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy their time at the club after their school day. Staff provide a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment. Children are confident and independent. They know and follow routines well. This shows that they feel emotionally secure. Children enjoy selecting from a wide range of suitable activities based on what they like to do. All children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, build friendships and play cooperatively. Children of all ages play together, which helps them develop good social skills. They concentrate well while making models with small construction bricks. Older children help younger children play a game of connecting coloured discs in a line.

Children form strong friendships and enjoy one another's company as they share a healthy snack together. Staff help children have meaningful conversations together. Children listen to one another as they talk about their day at school and what they did at the weekend. Children demonstrate respectful and polite behaviour towards each other and adults. Parents speak glowingly about the club and are very happy with the care their children receive. They feel well informed and would recommend it to others. Children are good communicators and describe the fun they have at the club.

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

- The manager and owner have made positive changes since the last inspection. They are passionate about providing a high-quality and inclusive provision for all children. The manager has introduced a more robust process to clearly record children's attendance. Staff receive clear guidance and regular opportunities to discuss their practice. Furthermore, the manager provides staff with ongoing training and support to enhance their knowledge and skills further. Staff state that they thoroughly enjoy working at the club and feel well supported by both the manager and owner.
- The arrangements for settling children into the club are effective. The manager works with parents to gather key information about the child before they first start. Children visit the club and share their interests to help staff plan for when the children attend.
- Staff plan a range of activities for the children. They adapt the activities each day to meet the interests and needs of the children attending throughout the week. Children particularly enjoy the sporting and coaching skills they learn both inside and outside on the large playing field. Children develop good physical skills indoors as they practise their ball control skills. These opportunities help children to be curious and engaged in their chosen play and activities.
- Children receive appropriate additional support if required. Staff discuss

children's needs with parents. They share ideas and strategies to provide children with consistent messages.

- Staff join in with children's games and praise them for their skills and individual strengths. They encourage children to be confident with their ideas and engage in positive interactions with the children. Staff adapt their levels of support and expectations skilfully to each child's age and stage of development.
- Children follow good hygiene routines and know to wash their hands before they eat. The manager and staff support children to make healthy choices. For instance, they provide a wide range of fruit and vegetables for them to choose from at snack time and to accompany their light tea. Children contribute their own ideas of healthy foods to the weekly menu.
- Staff work in partnership with teachers in the schools that children attend. They share pertinent information about children's well-being. For example, teachers provide information about any accidents that children have had at school during the day. Staff at the club ensure they pass this documentation on to parents when they collect children from the club.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff have a secure understanding of their responsibility to keep children safe. They undertake daily risk assessments of the indoor and outdoor community space to ensure it remains secure. Staff teach children how to manage risks safely. For example, they remind children how to use the balls safely indoors. Staff attend safeguarding training. They are aware of the signs that may indicate that a child is at risk of harm. This includes how to identify children who may be at risk of exposure to extreme views and behaviour. Staff know how to report concerns regarding children or their colleagues.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY444153
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10279319
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 11
Total number of places	35
Number of children on roll	26
Name of registered person	Xtra Time Kidz Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP532962
Telephone number	07746945903
Date of previous inspection	9 November 2022

Information about this early years setting

Xtra Time Kidz Club registered in 2012. It is one of three provisions operated by the provider. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds appropriate qualifications at level 3. The club also employs occasional staff who have sporting qualifications at various levels. The club operates from Monday to Friday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 9am and from 3pm until 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lisa Topham

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.
- The inspector spoke to leaders and managers about the activities on offer.
- Children and staff spoke to the inspector at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- Parents shared their views and opinions of the club with the inspector and their feedback was taken into consideration.
- The inspector viewed documentation, including recruitment information and relevant policies.

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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