

Inspection of Whizz Kids

Woodchurch C of E Primary School, Church Lane, Upton, WIRRAL, Merseyside
CH49 7LS

Inspection date:

14 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (enforcement)

Previous
inspection

Not Met (enforcement)

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The leadership and management of the setting are weak. Leaders do not oversee the practice of the manager and staff sufficiently, and some statutory requirements are not met. Although there are suitable written policies, these are not reviewed regularly and not followed effectively.
- As required, following the last inspection, the provider appointed a manager and a deputy manager and informed Ofsted of changes to committee members. However, following this notification, the committee members failed to provide the required information so that Ofsted could commence the suitability checking process. This compromises children's safety.
- There is a record, created since the last inspection, of staff qualifications, training and their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check numbers. However, the dates the DBS checks were obtained and who obtained them are not included. The required information about staff identity checks and vetting processes, that have been completed to evidence staff's suitability to work in this out-of-school club, was not available at the inspection.
- Staff are beginning to meet regularly with the manager. These newly implemented supervision arrangements are beginning to provide staff with opportunities to speak about their own well-being and their training and development needs.
- Daily, staff assess and minimise any risks to children, indoors and outdoors. Staff refreshed their safeguarding training recently. They know how to identify and report any child protection concerns and keep information on how to contact other agencies readily available. As required, their written safeguarding procedures cover the use of mobile phones and cameras and what to do if an allegation is made against a member of staff. However, the manager and staff lack awareness of these written procedures. They do not follow the procedure relating to the safe use of mobile phones, which places children at risk.
- The club does not have a suitable system for obtaining parental permission to administer medicine to children or for recording medication that has been administered. Staff explain how they record medicine administrations on the school record system, as the club does not have a separate system. However, there is no medicine administration procedure or record-keeping system ready to follow for children from other schools who attend the holiday club.
- Children choose whether to play indoors or outdoors. They help themselves from a suitable range of toys and books. Staff who work in the club also work in the host school. They know the children well and what children are learning in school. This enables them to provide complementary activities and support children's communication, language and mathematical skills as they play.
- Parents who expressed a view are happy with the service provided. Older children say they are enjoying the newly implemented buffet snack system which provides a choice of healthy foods.
- The manager describes suitable ways to help children to manage their feelings and behaviour and develop confidence. Staff plan and provide activities to help

support children's awareness of the wider world. For example, during holiday club, children talked about the cultures, beliefs, food and geographical features of different areas of the world, including Antarctica, Egypt, Australia and the United Kingdom.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

The provision is not meeting requirements and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
ensure that all committee members complete the required documentation so that the necessary suitability checks can be completed by Ofsted	12/10/2023
record information about the identity checks and vetting processes that have been completed for staff, including the DBS check number, the date the check was obtained and who obtained it	12/10/2023
implement a policy and procedures to safeguard children, which includes action to be taken when an allegation is made against a member of staff and covers use of mobile phones and cameras	12/10/2023
implement a policy and procedures for administering medicine, which includes obtaining information about a child's needs for medicines, and keeping this information updated	12/10/2023

obtain written permission from parents and/or carers for medicine to be administered and keep a written record each time a medicine is administered to a child.	12/10/2023
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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY402780
Local authority	Wirral
Inspection number	10279366
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	30
Number of children on roll	130
Name of registered person	Whizz Kids Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP529405
Telephone number	01516774788
Date of previous inspection	16 January 2023

Information about this early years setting

Whizz Kids registered in 2010. The out-of-school club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2, two at level 3 and one at level 4. The club opens Monday to Friday, from 7.50am to 8.45am and from 3.20pm to 5.30pm, during term time. A holiday club opens from 9am to 4pm during school holiday time.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lynne Naylor

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- 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.
- The inspector had a tour of the setting to gain an understanding of how the provision is organised.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, including evidence of staff training.
- The views of parents and older children spoken to on the day were taken into account.

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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