

Inspection of Orchard Out of School Club

The Hill Methodist Church, The Hill, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 8JS

Inspection date:

18 January 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Not met (with actions)

Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Ofsted has not been provided with the necessary information about all committee members to enable relevant suitability checks to be carried out. These members are responsible for the organisation of the club. This oversight may potentially impact negatively on children's safety. Children are not supported by staff to follow hand hygiene routines to promote their good health and welfare.

Children are greeted warmly by staff at the end of their school day. Staff get down to the children's level. They ensure that children have all their belongings and ask them questions about their experiences at school. Children are happy to tell staff that they received a certificate for good listening. When children arrive at the club, they understand and follow the club routines embedded by staff. For example, they place their belongings on the stage and sit together to discuss their thoughts and views. Staff encourage children to take turns in conversations, encouraging them to express themselves and listen to the views of others. Children say they like engaging in crafts and drawing activities. They are encouraged to follow their ideas and interests when they are creating. For example, staff offer children resources, such as cardboard tubes, scissors and tape. Children make dragon bracelets and welcome suggestions from staff on how to make them. Children show pride in their achievements, showing visitors what they have created.

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

- The provider does not ensure that Ofsted is provided with information about all committee members to enable them to complete all necessary suitability checks. The provider and managers have procedures to ensure that only committee members who have received suitability checks with Ofsted attend meetings. However, these procedures are not applied to ensure children's safety. During these meetings, committee members are responsible for reviewing staff training and decision-making about potential safeguarding concerns.
- Before children are invited to eat, they play with a variety of toys and resources that are set out on tables and on the floor. The manager and staff do not ensure that children wash their hands before they use their fingers to eat food at snack time. This does not promote children's good health or welfare.
- Children make choices about what they want to play with. They show great concentration and determination when they use playing cards to build and construct a pretend barrier to contain themselves in a corner of the room. Staff share children's interests with parents. This enables them to provide the same resources for children to use at home. This helps to promote partnership working to support children's interests.
- Parents say that staff are approachable and care about the children. They

appreciate how their children are able to take their snacks home if they are collected early.

- The manager also works at the school children attend and supports their learning during the school day. This interaction helps her to understand children's behaviours in the club and at school. She uses this information to help staff support children to, for example, socialise and further develop the skills they learn at school. This includes providing group time activities to encourage children to engage in play with others. One example is when children play a game and take turns to guess who is hiding keys behind their backs.
- The manager and staff support children to make healthy choices around the food they offer them. Children say their favourite food is a chicken sandwich, wraps and toast.
- The manager and staff ask children to help to develop the club's rules and boundaries. This helps to give children a sense of ownership in their club. Children say they agree to have fun, be kind, smile and share.
- Children share their thoughts of how they feel that staff keep them safe as they walk from their school to the club. This includes staff asking them to wear high-visibility vests that display the club's name on the back. Children say that this stops them from getting lost. They explain how staff stand in the middle of the road to make sure it is safe for them to cross.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

There is not an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
ensure Ofsted is provided with the necessary information to carry out suitability checks on all members of the committee that make up the registered body	22/01/2024
ensure hygiene practices are consistently followed to promote children's good health and welfare.	19/01/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	2650758
Local authority	Nottinghamshire County Council
Inspection number	10304871
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	3 to 11
Total number of places	34
Number of children on roll	54
Name of registered person	Orchard Extras Out of School Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP526378
Telephone number	07495452582
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Orchard Out of School Club registered in 2021 and is located in Kirkby, in Ashfield, Nottingham. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one at level 2. The club opens Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 8.45am and 3.15pm until 6pm, term time only. It occasionally opens during the school holidays on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 7.30am until 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Hayley Ruane

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 manager and the inspector completed a tour of all areas of the club.
- The inspector observed activities, indoors and outdoors, and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector spoke with the provider, some committee members, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector carried out an observation of an activity with the manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She reviewed relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

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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