

# Inspection of Cambridge Kids Club @ St Pauls

St. Pauls C of E School, Coronation Street, CAMBRIDGE CB2 1HJ

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Inspection date:

1 February 2024

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## What is it like to attend this early years setting?

### This provision meets requirements

Children enter the club enthusiastically, eager to see what is on offer. Staff set out a good selection of resources ready for when they arrive after a busy day at school. Children respond to the caring, nurturing approach of all staff. They are happy and say that they feel safe attending the club. Staff interact well with children. They help to support children's well-being and their sense of belonging.

Staff know about children's interests, which helps them to plan and provide interesting activities. For example, they set out beads for children to explore and create with. Children carefully use tweezers to place the beads into their preferred design, completely absorbed in what they are doing.

Staff treat children with kindness and respect, which helps them to feel valued and welcome. They are mindful of children's needs and communicate with them effectively. Children behave well and listen attentively to staff's instructions and requests. They respond positively to routines and boundaries, to keep themselves and others safe. Children have good social skills and have formed firm friendship groups. They play cooperatively and take turns with popular resources.

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

- The excellent working relationship with the host school is a key strength of the club. Staff talk to teachers regularly to exchange key information and to find out about children's time at school. This helps staff understand about children's needs and to plan activities that complement their learning.
- Children often choose to spend their time outside, joining in enthusiastic games of football. They confidently clamber up the wooden ramp and slide down the pole with great agility. The available outdoor space is well resourced and used to good effect. This provides children with plenty of physical exercise and opportunities for relaxation, which helps to boost their good health.
- Partnerships with parents are good and they say they are kept well informed about their child's experiences. Parents comment that staff are very friendly and approachable and their child looks forward to their time at the club. Staff find out about children's needs and interests. They exchange information with parents about children's activities and their time spent at the club.
- Children understand the importance of following good hygiene routines. They wash their hands before snack. Children enjoy a range of healthy foods, such as fruit, vegetables, and toast. Staff encourage children to be independent, and they competently serve themselves, taking responsibility for clearing up afterwards.
- Children play in a safe environment and the staffing arrangements are effective.

Staff work well together to supervise children closely as they move freely between indoors and outside. They communicate effectively as a team, ensuring children are always supported by a familiar adult.

- The provider is well organised which helps to ensure the club runs efficiently. Staff benefit from supervision meetings to discuss any issues or to plan training opportunities. Staff say that they are happy working at the club and feel very well supported in their role.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2652307
<b>Local authority</b>	Cambridgeshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10305138
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	4 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	45
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	60
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Cambridge Kidsclub Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP906932
<b>Telephone number</b>	01223 622 848
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Cambridge Kids Club @ St Pauls registered in 2021. The club is located in St. Pauls C of E Primary School, Cambridge. It is managed by a private provider. The club employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate qualifications, one at level 3 and one at level 6. The club opens from Monday to Friday, during school term time only. Sessions are from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Emma Bright

## 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 manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the club.
- The manager showed the inspector around the club and explained how the play environment is organised.
- The inspector had several discussions with the management team to explore how the club is led and managed. The inspector spoke to staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The children told the inspector about their friends and what they like to do when they are at the club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including the daily attendance register, and evidence of 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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