

Inspection of Kington Kids

Kington St Michael Village Shop Ltd, Village Hall, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 6HX

Inspection date:

15 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children are happy and confident in this friendly and welcoming club. They are keen to join in with the wide range of interesting activities, such as jewellery making and arts and crafts. Children show that they feel safe as they choose the activities they wish to take part in, and sit and chat with staff and other children. Children form good relationships with others and they sit together and draw their pictures or engage in imaginative play. Staff know the children well and offer support when needed, such as to tie the thread for their necklaces or bracelets. Children show perseverance and concentrate well. When threading the beads on their jewellery, they spend long periods completing the task. They show that they are proud of their achievements and staff praise them for their concentration. Children are keen to share their creations with others and to show them how well they can write their name on the back of their artwork. They show that they have high levels of self-esteem.

Staff organise the club well for the children so that they have areas to sit together for large-group activities, including having snacks and meals. Children help themselves to toys and art and craft materials, and there is a quiet space where children can sit and chat together or look at books. The environment is calm, and children play together harmoniously.

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

- Children are very involved in choosing the topics that they wish to focus on each term. This term, children have chosen 'animals' as the main focus, and staff plan some interesting experiences for them. Children have had a visit from a vet and a mobile farm with small animals, had a reptile-handling session, and a trip to the farm. This ensures that all children have opportunities for additional experiences.
- Children's behaviour is very good. They form positive friendships and share and take turns in their play. Older children show respect and kindness towards the younger children, and they are all included in the activities.
- Staff and management have attended mandatory training, including safeguarding and paediatric first aid. They are knowledgeable about safeguarding issues and the procedures to follow to keep children safe. Staff create a safe environment and help children to learn safe practises, such as when walking to and from school.
- Parents report that their children thoroughly enjoy attending the club and that they find the activities interesting and fun. Parents state that staff 'go the extra mile' to support their children's individual needs, including any dietary needs. Parents report that the club is particularly good at embracing their neurodiverse

children.

- Children are keen to play outside and can do so as they choose. Some children bounce around on space hoppers and others have running races. Staff take the children to the local park every day, where children use the equipment to develop their physical skills. Children have access to regular fresh air and exercise.
- Staff feel very supported in their role and say that they work together well as a team. Staff meet regularly and research new ideas to bring into the club for the children to experience. They say that they would like to attend training on managing challenging behaviour. Staff report that although they manage this well, they would like to gain further information for the reasons behind the behaviour, to promote their understanding more.
- Children are eager to talk about their time at the club. They say that they enjoy attending and that they particularly like drawing, painting, colouring and building with the blocks. Children say that the staff are very nice and kind. They enjoy the large-group activities, including bug hunts and team quizzes.
- Children bring their own packed lunches to the club, and staff provide them with various snacks, including biscuits, fruit and vegetables. Children can help themselves to water throughout the day, and staff are very aware of any dietary requirements. During the breakfast and after-school sessions, children can choose to have a 'special' breakfast, and they can choose a hot or cold tea. This helps the children to make healthy choices.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

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

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY498419
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	10317368
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	92
Name of registered person	Meehan, Sarah Jane
Registered person unique reference number	RP901011
Telephone number	07999482029
Date of previous inspection	2 May 2018

Information about this early years setting

Kington Kids registered in 2016. The club operates from the Kington St Michael village hall, near Chippenham, Wiltshire. The out-of-school club opens from 3.25pm to 6pm from Monday to Friday during term times, and the breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.45am. The club also runs during some of the school holidays from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. There are four members of staff employed to work with the children, two of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charlotte Jenkin

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 this into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the provision and observed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The provider and manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff at the club.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they enjoy doing at the club.
- Staff spoke to the inspector at appropriate times during the inspection.
- Parents shared their written views of the club with the inspector.

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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