

Inspection of Fun Fest Lichfield Willows

Willows Primary School, 2 Anglesey Road, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 7NU

Inspection date:

15 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy attending this holiday club. Children who are new to the club show confidence as they explore the activities on offer. They quickly develop good relationships with staff and are happy to interact with them during their play. Staff stay close to young children, which helps them to feel safe and secure in the environment. Staff provide comfort to children when they are upset and help them to settle quickly.

Leaders ensure that the environment is safe for children. Regular risk assessments are carried out to ensure that any risks to children are identified and minimised. For example, following episodes of bad weather, some outdoor equipment is not used by children as it becomes wet and could increase the risk of accidents.

Staff provide a range of activities for children to choose from. Children benefit from attending a pretend beauty salon. They book appointments and choose from treatments such as manicures, foot spas and hair styling. This is popular with children and gives them opportunities to work together and play cooperatively. Staff help children to understand the needs of others, as they negotiate the roles they take so that all children can be included.

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

- Leaders plan exciting and challenging activities for children. They successfully adapt the activities on offer to suit the different ages of children. For example, older children create plans for decorating cakes. This involves writing and drawing the equipment they will need. Younger children circle pictures of items they might want to use. There are times, however, when the organisation of activities could be improved, as children sit waiting for extended periods of time before having something to do.
- Children behave well. They make friends and enjoy playing with each other. Staff spend time going through the rules of the club. Children recall the rules and show an understanding of why these are in place. Children say that one of the rules is to include each other in their play to show kindness. At times when children do encounter small difficulties and disagree, staff act swiftly to support them to find a resolution. This helps children to resolve conflict and return to their play.
- Leaders provide effective support for staff. New staff are provided with a brief induction meeting before starting employment. Leaders ensure that staff are aware of the policies to be followed. They train staff to understand their safeguarding responsibilities. Staff are provided with guidance throughout the sessions to help them to fully understand how to lead activities and learn the

routines of the session.

- Children enjoy playing outdoors. They have opportunities to climb and jump on the available equipment. Children skilfully balance over tyres and follow each other in groups as they step from one tyre to another. Staff introduce football games, which children enjoy and play well together with their friends. Staff are deployed effectively to supervise children and keep them safe.
- Children develop their confidence and independence. They make choices about their play and the activities they want to join in with. Children clean up after themselves at lunchtime, and older children help younger children to find their coats before going outside.
- Leaders build good relationships with the school that they use for the holiday club. They liaise closely with the headteacher and share relevant information about children. For example, leaders find out what strategies are in place for children in school and implement these into what they do at the club.
- Parents comment positively about the sessions their children attend. They say that they like the online registration form and feel that they are asked for relevant information about their children, such as health details and emergency contact details. Parents are introduced to staff and know who will be looking after their children. They find out what children have been doing and say that their children have fun and enjoy themselves.

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	2648251
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10306100
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	96
Number of children on roll	633
Name of registered person	Fun Fest Lichfield Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2648250
Telephone number	07555342612
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Fun Fest Lichfield Willows registered in 2021 and is based in Lichfield. The provision operates during school holidays only. Sessions are from 8am to 6pm. The provision employs 11 members of staff. Of these, one holds a qualification at level 6, three hold a qualification at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Christine Ward

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the holiday club 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 inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of a group activity with the manager.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate 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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