

Inspection of Treehouse Children's Club Ltd

St Lawrence C Of E Primary School, Trinity Road, Hassocks BN6 9UY

Inspection date: 29 April 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 thoroughly enjoy their time in this well-run, busy and engaging club. The two providers lead their long-serving team with passion and determination to provide a high-quality service. Children arrive at the club after school with energy, enthusiasm and anticipation. They eagerly exchange information with their friends and talk to staff happily about their day.

Children of mixed ages and abilities play freely and harmoniously together. They talk positively about the new friends they make at the club and how much they enjoy attending. Children confirm they feel listened to and valued as staff take time to respond to their needs, and provide activities of their choice. Younger children particularly enjoy completing creative activities. Staff offer a wide range of opportunities for children to paint, draw with charcoal, colour pictures or make their own models from dough. Older children enjoy the opportunities to play sports. Staff supervise this well, giving children time to burn off energy and relax after the school day.

Staff promote a positive atmosphere within the club. They ensure their behaviour expectations are in line with the host school's so that children fully understand these. Children are kind and respectful to one another. Older children take on roles of responsibility. They help with simple routines and demonstrate positive behaviour and actions to their younger friends.

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

- Leaders work tirelessly to review their practice and identify ways to constantly improve. They select their team carefully and ensure that all staff are trained well. Team meetings are used especially effectively to reflect on practice, review the provision and identify constant ways to further improve. The staff team work well together. They appreciate the support they receive from leaders and fully understand their role and responsibility in keeping children safe.
- Staff organise the club routine well so that children are happy and settled. They provide a wide range of games for children to play and participate in. Staff recognise those children who prefer to spend time completing quieter activities, such as reading, and provide for these well in less busy areas.
- Staff meet children's health and dietary needs well. Leaders have recently thoroughly reviewed the club menu to reduce the sugar content in meals and promote children's oral health. Children enjoy helping themselves to nutritious snacks, such as fresh fruit and wholesome snacks. There is ample time for children to play outside in the fresh air after school. Children play in small groups with friends, or participate in group games, such as football.

- Children's safety is given high priority. Robust risk assessments are completed to make sure all areas of the school premises are safe and secure. Staff communicate clearly with one another as children move from inside the school, to activities outside. This means staff know where children are at all times and supervise them closely. Staff deployment is consistently good and leaders make sure sufficient staff are always available to keep children safe.
- Parents confirm how happy they are with the club. One parent summarised the view of many by saying, 'Every school should have a Treehouse like this!' Another parent said, 'My child skips in every time they attend Treehouse.' Parents note the wide range of activities that are always available and confirm how happy their children are.
- Leaders and staff make sure that communication is accurately shared between parents and school staff when necessary. There is a good hand-over of information from school staff at the beginning of the club session. Staff work closely with the Reception class teachers. This ensures information about children's current interests and what they are learning at school is effectively shared and planned for.

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	EY494938
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	10335343
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	60
Number of children on roll	153
Name of registered person	Treehouse Childrens Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP908379
Telephone number	07734686529
Date of previous inspection	13 June 2018

Information about this early years setting

Treehouse Children's Club Ltd registered in 2015. It operates from St Lawrence Church of England Primary School in Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, West Sussex. The breakfast club is open from 7.45am to 8.40am, Monday to Friday during school term times. The after-school club operates from 3.10pm to 6pm, Monday to Thursday and from 3.10pm to 5pm on Fridays, during term times. A team of nine staff work with the children, five of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jo Caswell

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 inspector spoke with the two providers and talked about how the club is managed and how children's needs are met.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they enjoyed doing at the club.
- Parents' written feedback was read and taken into consideration.
- Some documentation was looked at, such as confirmation of staff qualifications and evidence of suitability checks on 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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