

Inspection of Zebras - Cotham School

Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol BS6 6DT

Inspection date:

23 April 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The provider does not have a good enough understanding of how to risk assess to keep children safe. For example, she does not consider the risk to children accessing parts of the school building unaccompanied, when there may be visitors to the school site or students present whose suitability has not been checked by the provider.
- The provider recognises the importance of working in partnership with children's parents and their teachers. Through discussions, she explained how she allocates the youngest children a key person to help them to settle and to be confident during their time at the club. Some staff who work in the club also work in the school, this strengthens the partnership between the club and the school and helps them to have a shared approach to children's care.
- The provider explained how the manager and staff use the children's interests to plan a good range of activities to engage children in play. She spoke about staff asking children what they would like to do, so that they have their own choices in their play.
- The provider suitably understands the importance of checking the suitability of the staff that she employs. She spoke about how she provides inductions and training for staff to help them to understand the policies and procedures. Staff take part in training and regular quizzes to help them to develop confidence in understanding the procedures for child protection.
- The provider places a high emphasis on promoting healthy lifestyles. She spoke about how children learn to follow good hygiene practices as staff remind them to wash their hands before snack. Children have a healthy snack and lots of opportunities for fresh air and exercise in the playground. Staff provide a good range of activities to encourage children to play outside and to be physical.
- Children have clear routines and boundaries and the provider explained that this helps children to know what is expected of them. She explained that staff remind children of the rules so that they learn to manage their behaviour well.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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
improve risk assessments to swiftly identify and minimise potential risks to children.	10/05/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY498946
Local authority	Bristol City of
Inspection number	10317365
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 10
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	50
Name of registered person	Zebras Out Of School Club Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP900210
Telephone number	07759 785014
Date of previous inspection	2 May 2018

Information about this early years setting

Zebras - Cotham School registered in 2016. It is open on Monday to Friday during term time between the hours of 3.15pm and 6pm, and during all school holidays, with the exception of May half term, on Monday to Friday between the hours of 8am and 6pm. The club employs 17 members of staff. Of whom, one holds a relevant qualification at level 3 and two hold level 2 qualifications. The provider holds qualified teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Victoria Nicolson

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of six years.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector held a number of discussions with the provider about how she intends to meet the requirements.
- The provider showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.

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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