

Inspection of ACES Hill Avenue Out of School services

Hill Avenue Academy, Hill Avenue, Wolverhampton WV4 6PY

Inspection date: 4 June 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The experienced registered individual has a good oversight of the provision and works closely with the capable manager to ensure the smooth running of the club. They recognise the importance of continuous improvement. There are robust systems in place to monitor staff performance and provide ongoing coaching and professional development opportunities to help develop their practice.
- The manager has a secure understanding of how to provide a varied range of enjoyable experiences for children before and after school. She places a high focus on promoting children's health and discusses how she provides ample opportunities for children to be physically active and spend time outdoors in the fresh air.
- The management team and staff have a good knowledge of safeguarding issues and benefit from regular safeguarding training. They know about the possible signs of abuse and the procedure to follow if they have a concern about a child's welfare. A high priority is placed on ensuring detailed risk assessments are undertaken to ensure the indoor and outdoor environments are safe and suitable.
- The staff team value and understand the importance of working closely with parents. The manager also works at the school during the day, and this helps her build close relationships with parents and children and understand children's unique personalities and needs. There are effective systems in place to obtain the required information to help meet the needs of children, to promote their health and keep them safe.
- The management team recognise the importance of working closely with staff from the on-site school for the benefit of children. There are effective systems in place to share information to help support children's care and well-being. They follow the school's behaviour management policy and strategies to help ensure consistency for children.
- The manager has a strong understanding of how to promote equality and diversity. There are effective systems in place to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She is confident in tackling any negative stereotypes and understands the importance of encouraging children to talk about their similarities and differences.

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.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2670675
Local authority	Wolverhampton
Inspection number	10339429
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	5 to 10
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	74
Name of registered person	A.C.E.S. ASC Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP908155
Telephone number	07712165287
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

ACES Hill Avenue Out of School services registered in 2022. The club is open exclusively for the children who attend the on-site school Hill Avenue Primary School in Wolverhampton. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.45am and 3.15pm to 5.45pm. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3, two hold a qualification at level 2 and the other is working towards a recognised qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Parm Sansoyer

Inspection activities

- This was the first 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 the evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector and the manager completed a learning walk together to gather information about the experiences provided.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and nominated individual. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- 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 five years.

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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