

Inspection of The Bythams After School Club

The Bythams Cp School, Creeton Road, Little Bytham, GRANTHAM NG33 4PX

Inspection date: 28 May 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 manager intends to create a fun and stimulating environment that all children can access, including children who have additional needs. The manager and staff intend to use children's ideas, interests and their knowledge of the children's previous experiences to set up the environment. Children will be offered experiences that they may not get elsewhere, for example visiting farms and local woods. They plan to encourage the children to participate in planting vegetables, so that children can learn about how things grow and develop an understanding of taking care of plants.
- The manager and staff demonstrate how they will have strong relationships with children and their families. They will gather information from parents about their children and use the views and ideas from families to implement in the club. Parents provide feedback about the club. They comment on communication they have received, how approachable and flexible the club is, and how much staff care about their children.
- Staff aim to establish and want to maintain clear relationships with other professionals and staff on the school on site. They plan to share appropriate information, to enable children to make further progress at the club and at school.
- The manager talks highly of her team and the impact she feels their interactions will have on children's development. The manager plans to provide regular meetings with staff to support them to develop professionally. She reflects on training staff may require, to ensure they can meet the needs of all children who want to attend.
- Children will be supported by the manager and staff to understand what is expected of them. Staff will model their behaviour expectations to children and praise them when they behave well. They will support children to understand how their friends may feel through conversations and reminders of how to behave. Staff will strive to enable children to resolve their own conflicts if they occur. They plan to prompt discussions between children to come to appropriate solutions, for example to make clear rules for football games.
- Children will be supported to build skills for independence. The manager says that at mealtimes, children will be encouraged to prepare their own food with the support of staff. Staff will prompt children about what they need and how to tidy away their own plates and cutlery when they finish. Staff will be available to support with toileting needs, where needed, but will encourage children to manage this for themselves.
- The manager will risk assess the environment children access to ensure it is safe. They have processes in place to ensure children's dietary requirements are supported. Staff have attended training to further their knowledge about how to keep children and their families safe. The manager and staff are confident to make referrals where necessary, to support children and their families.

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	2665228
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	10335467
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	24
Number of children on roll	26
Name of registered person	Goring, Donna Louise
Registered person unique reference number	RP547035
Telephone number	07872928421
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The Bythams After School Club registered in 2021 and operates from Little Bytham, Grantham. They operate Monday to Friday, term time only. Before-school club runs from 7.30 until 8.40am and after-school club from 3pm until 6pm. They occasionally operate a holiday club, Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 5.30pm, excluding bank holidays. The club employs three staff, one holds a level 3 and two hold level 5 childcare qualifications.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Alice Anders

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 special educational needs coordinator spoke to the inspector about how they support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.

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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