

Inspection of Home From Home

East Barnwell Scout Centre, 41 Thorley Road, Cambridge CB5 8NF

Inspection date: 20 June 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision	This inspection	Not met (with actions)
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Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Weaknesses in the leadership and management of the club means that children's welfare is not assured. Children are not supervised effectively and, on occasions during the inspection, they were left in the care of an unvetted adult. Despite these weaknesses, children are keen to attend and clearly know the daily routine. Staff set out some resources ready for when children arrive, and they are content to play with the toys on offer. However, staff do not engage purposefully enough with children. This is because some staff are constantly needed to attend to routine tasks. As a result, children do not benefit from good interactions that encourages them to think or share their ideas.

Staff know about children's interests, which helps them to plan and provide some activities. For example, children dress up in a variety of outfits and organise themselves into putting on a show. However, staff are too busy to watch. Children have formed firm friendship groups. They generally play cooperatively, and staff remind them to take turns with popular resources. Children generally behave well. Sometimes, staff do not ensure that children have listened and understood their instructions that help them to keep safe.

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

- Records relating to staff's suitability were not available for inspection. The provider was unable to demonstrate that a Disclosure and Barring Service check is obtained for every member of staff to ensure they are suitable to work with children. In addition, an unvetted adult was left unsupervised with children. This compromises children's safety.
- Risk assessments are not robust and, therefore, some hazards have not been identified. For example, children are left unsupervised in the kitchen, where they can access sharp knives. In addition, staff's personal belongings are accessible to children as they are also stored in the kitchen. This means children's safety is not assured.
- A daily register is not completed appropriately. Some children are not signed out by staff and, therefore, an accurate record of the hours of children's attendance is not in place. This means that children's safety is not assured in the event of an emergency.
- Staffing arrangements are not effective. Staff do not consistently work well together to supervise children as they move between indoors and outside. They do not communicate effectively with each other to ensure that children are always supported appropriately by a familiar adult.
- Children often choose to spend their time outdoors. They enjoy pouring water into a hole they have created in the ground. They experiment, burying objects in

the muddy puddle and taking turns to find them. The available outdoor space contains some resources. Children take part in physical exercise, playing chase and riding around on scooters, which helps to boost their good health.

- Staff have established a suitable working relationship with the local school, and they talk to teachers regularly to exchange information. Staff find out about children's interests. They exchange information with parents about children's activities and their time spent at the club.
- Children understand the importance of following sensible hygiene routines. They wash their hands before snack and explain that it is to stop them from getting sick. Children enjoy toast with chocolate spread and help themselves to drinks.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

There is not an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

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
ensure that any adult whose suitability has not been checked, does not have unsupervised contact with the children being cared for	01/07/2024
ensure that information about identity checks and vetting processes are recorded, including the Disclosure and Barring Service check reference number, the date it was obtained and details of who obtained it	01/07/2024
improve risk assessments to identify any hazards and ensure that these hazards are removed or minimised	01/07/2024
ensure that staff are deployed effectively so that children are always supervised	01/07/2024
ensure that an accurate daily record of the hours of children's attendance is kept.	01/07/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	2745835
Local authority	Cambridgeshire
Inspection number	10353697
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	28
Number of children on roll	63
Name of registered person	JLR Play Community Interest Company
Registered person unique reference number	RP900975
Telephone number	07787425799
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Home From Home registered in 2023 and is situated in East Barnwell Scout Centre, Cambridge. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate qualification at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday during school term times. Sessions are from 3.15pm until 6pm. During some school holidays, the club opens 8.30am until 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emma Bright

Inspection activities

- The provider showed the inspector around the club and explained how the play environment is organised.
- The inspector had several discussions with the provider to explore how the club is led and managed. The inspector spoke to staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The children told the inspector what they like to do when they are at the club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including the daily attendance register, and evidence of 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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