

Inspection of Kids Active

Bishop Ian Ramsey C Of E School, Manor Road, Consett DH8 6QN

Inspection date: 28 May 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 are happy and safe in this welcoming holiday club. Their laughter and giggles can be constantly heard as they play. Staff are effective play partners. They give children their constant attention, follow their ideas and extend their play. Staff supervise children well, such as when they play on soft-play equipment, to make sure that they are safe. When children show an interest in making dens, staff immediately provide them with netting and fabric. Children excitedly work together to make a den around the soft-play equipment. They show pride in their accomplishments and spend a long time playing together in their den. Children are very engaged in their play as staff provide activities which they know will interest children.

Staff provide children with daily opportunities to play outdoors in the fresh air. Children access a large playground, forest area and sports court in the school's grounds. Staff set up obstacle courses for children to practise their physical skills. They also provide visits for children to extend their experiences. For instance, they take children further afield to the beach and museums. Children behave well. They know the routines in the club and staff's expectations. Staff support children to manage their emotions and behaviour. For instance, they encourage children who struggle to control their feelings to sit in quiet and cosy areas and talk about how they are feeling. Staff provide children with books and fidget resources to help children to calm down.

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

- Staff provide a wide variety of resources for children to choose from. For instance, children enjoy role playing with farm animals, drawing, playing outdoors, table-top games, baking and creative activities, reading and pretending to be on a camping holiday. Children share, cooperate and take turns during their play.
- Staff encourage children to follow healthy lifestyles. They work with parents to make sure that children bring healthy packed lunches. Children independently wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. They know to put any wrappers or food waste straight in the bin after their lunch.
- Children are very independent in the club. For instance, they go and find their suits and boots before going into the forest area. Staff encourage children to pour their own water carefully from jugs at lunchtime. Staff and children sit together to eat and mealtimes are a lovely sociable occasion.
- Staff support children's personal development well. They talk to children about their interests and listen to their views. Children have an input into the activities as staff ask them for suggestions. Staff respect and listen to children's views.

- Staff plan activities which motivate children. Children are excited to take part in activities. For instance, when children request to make jewellery, staff immediately set up an activity so children can make bracelets with beads and bands. Staff extend this activity and encourage children to make wind chimes from the sticks they have found in the forest area.
- Children form close friendships as they play. Older children are caring and considerate towards the younger children. They happily involve them in their play. Children know the routines in the club, which staff make sure are consistent and predictable. This helps children to know what to expect.
- Staff provide many exciting and themed activities. They ask children for their views for future topics. Staff provide activities for children to learn about other cultures. For instance, children take part in a range of activities to find out more about Lunar New Year.
- Parents are very positive about the club. They comment that their children enjoy attending and look forward to coming. Parents appreciate the range of activities and visits that staff offer their children. Children tell the inspector that they enjoy their time in the club.
- Staff collect appropriate information from parents to keep children safe, such as around children's allergies or medical needs. They keep appropriate records for accident and medications and make sure that they inform parents. Staff use an online system to keep parents updated. They share newsletters and information about their child's time in the club.
- The club is fully inclusive and welcomes all children. Staff talk to other staff in other settings which children attend to find out information about children. They work closely with other professionals to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff make sure that they implement strategies to include all children in the club.
- Staff enjoy working in the club and feel well supported. Managers have safer recruitment procedures in place. They provide staff with a comprehensive induction process and support them well, such as through regular appraisals. Managers make sure that all staff have attended statutory training, such as first aid and safeguarding.

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	EY498746
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10312054
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	50
Number of children on roll	115
Name of registered person	Big Hands Little Hands Childcare Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901028
Telephone number	01207 560235
Date of previous inspection	19 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

Kids Active registered in 2016 and is located in Medomsley, County Durham. The club is independently run and employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, six staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens during school holidays, from 8am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and during the Christmas holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Melanie Vincent

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the club received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the club.
- The manager showed the inspector around the areas of the school that the club uses. She talked about the resources and activities which staff provide for children and how they keep children safe.
- The inspector observed children playing indoors and spoke to staff in the club.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager. She checked evidence of the staff's suitability and a range of other documentation, including accident and incident records.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they enjoy doing while they are at the club.
- The inspector looked at written comments from parents and took account of their views.

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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