

Inspection of West Hill Life

Went Worth Infant School, Wentworth Drive, Dartford DA1 3NG

Inspection date: 11 July 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager describes how they plan activities based around children's interests. Staff demonstrate how they will ensure resources are accessible to allow children to lead their own play. The manager explains how they will involve children in planning and evaluating activities. For example, they will use mind maps and regular discussions with children to take account of their views and ideas.
- The manager has a good understanding of how to promote children's health and well-being. She is passionate about providing a range of healthy snacks and ensures that children have access to fresh water. She places an emphasis on outdoor play and the importance of children being physical after a day at school.
- The manager who is also the designated safeguarding lead demonstrates a good knowledge of how to keep children safe, and how to identify children who could be at risk of harm. She understands the appropriate action to take if they have concerns about children's welfare or the behaviour of an adult. Furthermore, she ensures that staff have a secure understanding of their role in protecting and safeguarding children. All staff undertake regular safeguarding training.
- They explain how they regularly remind children of the behaviour expectations and praise children when they follow these. They describe how they interact calmly and positively with children to build warm relationships
- The manager understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and others involved in children's care, to meet their needs effectively. For example, they have good relationships with staff at the feeder school, and regularly speak to parents to obtain their views on the club and areas for improvement.
- The manager shows an understanding of the importance of keeping staff's knowledge and skills up to date. She regularly evaluates staff's practice and identifies potential areas for professional development. Staff have regular opportunities to meet with the manager to discuss their well-being, safeguarding concerns, and future training.
- The manager describes how younger children are supported in the club. For example, older children take on the role of being a buddy and showing the newer children the routines. Before children start there are opportunities to attend stay and play sessions. Staff gather information from parents regarding their children's individual needs, and interests to assist in settling children.

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	EY476735
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10351364
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	174
Name of registered person	West Hill Life Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP902482
Telephone number	01322278677
Date of previous inspection	30 October 2018

Information about this early years setting

West Hill Life at Went Worth Infant School registered in 2014 and is situated in Dartford, Kent. The club operates before and after school, during term time only. Opening hours are from 7.15am to 8.45am and 3.15pm to 6pm. There are seven members of staff, two of whom hold early years qualifications.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Southern

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 provider showed the inspector areas of the premises that the children will use, both indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the provider.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how they intend to provide activities and experiences for children.
- The inspector sampled key documentation regarding the suitability of staff.
- 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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