

Inspection of AJ's Out of School Child Care

St Joseph's School, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

Inspection date:

9 August 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager explains how he continuously reviews the provision at the club. He details how he obtains feedback from children and parents and uses this to inform and implement changes that benefit the children. The manager has maintained all necessary paperwork and shows how the club would keep required records, such as daily registers and accident records.
- The manager shows how he and the staff set out the rooms so children are offered an appropriate selection of play opportunities. Through discussion and reference to paperwork, he demonstrates how they assess the premises, both inside and out, to make sure that any hazards are removed or minimised.
- The manager has appropriate procedures in place for checking the suitability of all staff. He explains how he offers staff regular supervision sessions and supports them to complete training and develop their practice.
- Through discussion and reference to records, the manager demonstrates how he and his staff consider children's needs and interests and use this information to plan resources and activities. He explains how they recognise children's need to relax, play and have fun, detailing how the activities they provide support and complement children's learning. He details how they will continue to involve children in making decisions about their play and activities.
- The manager explains how staff will support children to understand their emotions and behaviour and the impact these have on others. He confirms that they will continue to offer healthy snack options at the after-school club and provide guidance on healthy packed lunches for the holiday scheme. They will help children to understand the importance of healthy lifestyles.
- There are appropriate safeguarding procedures in place. The manager demonstrates a secure knowledge of how to identify possible abuse or neglect and how to report any concerns about a child to the correct professional. He and his staff undertake regular training to keep their knowledge of safeguarding up to date.
- There are effective procedures to support the manager and staff in working in partnership with parents and other professionals.

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	147492
Local authority	Barnet
Inspection number	10338387
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	6 to 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	52
Name of registered person	Jenny & Brendan McNally Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP904910
Telephone number	020 8202 2855
Date of previous inspection	7 November 2023

Information about this early years setting

AJ's Out of School Child Care registered in 1997. It operates from the grounds of St Joseph's School in Hendon. The group is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 5.30pm during school holidays. The group employs a total of 12 staff, 5 of whom hold teaching or childcare qualifications at level 2 and above.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Anne Maher

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the setting used for childcare. She looked at relevant documentation, including staff suitability checks.
- The inspector held meetings with the owner, who is also the manager.
- 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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