

Inspection of Crazy 4 Kids Nicholas Hawksmoor Out Of School Club & Pre- School

Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary School, Balmoral Close, Towcester NN12 6JA

Inspection date: 5 September 2024

Overall effectiveness **Good**

The quality of education **Good**

Behaviour and attitudes **Good**

Personal development **Good**

Leadership and management **Good**

Overall effectiveness at previous
inspection Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is good

Children arrive happy and enjoy their time at this welcoming nursery. Staff greet them on arrival and ask how they are. They are sensitive to all children, in particular to those that are new to the nursery. Staff offer cuddles and reassurance to help them feel safe and secure. This helps children to build close bonds with staff and supports their emotional well-being. Staff promote children's confidence and independence well. Children independently use the toilet and wash their hands. They make good attempts to put on dressing-up clothes in the home corner. Staff are close by to help and offer timely support to children when they need it.

Staff plan many opportunities to support children's physical development, which motivates them to explore. Staff provide mirrors for children to look at their reflection and encourage them to create what they see. Children develop their small hand muscles as they trace around a pot onto paper and then use scissors to cut out a circular shape. Children concentrate well. Outdoors, children delight as they practise their large motor skills. Children confidently climb ropes and run. Staff encourage children to keep trying as they jump onto balancing stones, supporting their spatial awareness and coordination as they step from one to the next.

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

- Leaders and staff show a clear intent for what they want children to learn, with a coherently planned and sequenced curriculum. Staff provide a range of different activities based around children's interests to meet their needs and promote their focus and concentration.
- Staff have a kind and caring approach and are positive role models to children. They talk to children about taking turns and introduce emotions to help them begin to identify how others may be feeling. Children play well together and take turns as they race cars down a ramp in the garden. Children's behaviour is good.
- Staff have high-quality interactions with children. They engage in meaningful conversations with them, which supports children's communication and language. However, although there are books available, these are not always used to support children's love of reading. Staff do not routinely encourage children to look at books and do not regularly sit and read stories to them.
- Staff support children's early maths well. Children play with construction blocks, and staff introduce mathematical language such as 'big', 'small' and 'gigantic', supporting children's understanding of size. Staff talk about full and empty as children pour water into jugs. They encourage children to count the bricks in their tall tower supporting, their understanding of number.
- Children demonstrate their positive attitudes to learning through high levels of curiosity, concentration and enjoyment. Overall, they listen intently and respond positively to adults and each other. However, large group times are not currently

planned well enough. On these occasions, children sit for long periods of time, which results in some of them becoming restless and disengaged.

- All staff working with children understand their safeguarding responsibilities to protect children from harm. Staff understand how to identify and report concerns. Staff deployment is good, and risk assessments are conducted daily to ensure children are kept safe.
- Leaders and staff use assessment effectively to identify gaps in children's learning. They take swift action involving other professionals and work with parents to develop individual support plans for children who need them. Targeted plans are implemented to support children's next steps in learning. This ensures all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), make good progress.
- Partnerships with parents are effective. Staff communicate well with parents by conducting daily handovers and updating them on an online application. Staff hold parents' evenings and invite parents to attend regular stay-and-play sessions. This keeps them up to date with their children's progress and helps to build positive relationships with their children's key person.
- Leadership and management are effective. They have a positive ethos for supporting staff's well-being. Staff speak highly of the support they receive. The leaders carry out regular supervision and arrange staff meetings to support staff development and to improve outcomes for children.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To further improve the quality of the early years provision, the provider should:

- strengthen the planning of group time to ensure individual learning needs are met and children do not become disengaged
- support staff to use books more effectively to foster children's love of reading.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY537392
Local authority	West Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10351748
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	2 to 10
Total number of places	36
Number of children on roll	145
Name of registered person	Crazy 4 Kids Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP907129
Telephone number	01536 680101
Date of previous inspection	12 October 2018

Information about this early years setting

Crazy 4 Kids Nicholas Hawkesmoor Out Of School Club & Pre-School registered in 2016. It is located in Towcester. The out-of-school club and nursery opens Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 8am until 6pm. There are 13 members of staff employed. Of these, eight hold appropriate early years qualifications between levels 2 and 6, including one with qualified teacher status. The nursery provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Ali Lancaster

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 the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The manager and inspector completed a learning walk together of all areas of the nursery and discussed the early years curriculum.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- Children spoke with the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views
- The special educational needs coordinator spoke to the inspector about how they support children with SEND.
- The inspector observed the quality of education being provided, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact that this was having on children's learning.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.

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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