

Inspection of Squirrels BASC

Staples Road Primary School, Staples Road, LOUGHTON, Essex IG10 1HR

Inspection date:

6 September 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders explain how they place a high priority on creating a homely, welcoming environment at the club. The staff team understands the importance of providing play opportunities and activities that reflect children's interests. They explain how they ask children for ideas about the types of activities they would like to do to ensure they enjoy their time at the club.
- Leaders demonstrate a clear understanding of their responsibility to safeguard children. A safeguarding policy is in place and staff know the appropriate procedures to follow should they have any concerns about a child, or the conduct of a member of staff at the setting.
- Leaders recognise the importance of conducting regular risk assessments to ensure the environment remains safe. They explain how they support children to develop an understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe at the club and on outings.
- Leaders explain how staff support children's behaviour by being good role models and through group discussions about the rules at the club. They explain how they provide an inclusive service that helps children to value differences between themselves and others.
- Leaders recognise the importance of promoting children's health. For example, they explain how they provide children with opportunities to be physically active at the club and through visits to the local forest.
- An effective key-person system is in place. Leaders have a clear understanding of how this supports children to develop trusting relationships and helps them to settle.
- Leaders explain that they place a high priority on developing good partnerships with parents and staff at the host school. They recognise the importance of sharing information to ensure continuity in children's care and to meet their individual needs. Parents receive information through verbal discussions and termly newsletters.
- Leaders recognise the importance of ensuring staff are supported to continually develop their knowledge and skills. They explain how they monitor staff practice and encourage staff to engage with a range of professional development opportunities.

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	EY539177
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10354709
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	132
Name of registered person	Carol Parrish And Shirley Utting Partnership
Registered person unique reference number	RP539176
Telephone number	07847564780
Date of previous inspection	2 November 2018

Information about this early years setting

Squirrels BASC operates from Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 8.50am and 3.15pm until 5.30pm, during school term time only. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate childcare qualifications, including one of the club leaders, who holds an early years qualification at level 5.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Marisa White

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 inspector viewed the premises used by the club and discussed with leaders how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- Leaders explained how the play environment is organised.
- The inspector spoke to leaders about how they safeguard children and how they will meet the individual needs of the children.
- The inspector reviewed documentation, including evidence of the suitability of staff working at the club.
- 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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