

Scooters Playclub

Hanbury C of E First School, School Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 4BS

Inspection date

25/09/2014

Previous inspection date

23/09/2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

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The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This provision is good

- Children are encouraged to make choices from a good range of age-appropriate toys and resources. They respond positively to a wide range of activities. As a consequence, children make good progress in their learning through play.
- Effective partnership with parents and a well-established key-person system helps children form warm and secure attachments, promoting their well-being and independence.
- Children are well safeguarded due to robust recruitment and vetting procedures and staff's understanding of their roles and responsibilities for child protection.
- Monitoring and self-evaluation are effective in maintaining continuous improvement in the provision.

It is not yet outstanding because

- Staff do not always arrange an inviting space where children can relax or take part in quiet activities.
- Staff do not always provide clear messages about healthy options to help children learn about healthy eating.

Information about this inspection

Inspections of registered early years provision are:

- scheduled at least once in every inspection cycle – the current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
- scheduled more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged inadequate
- brought forward in the inspection cycle where Ofsted has received information that suggests the provision may not be meeting the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage or where assessment of the provision identifies a need for early inspection
- prioritised where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the staff engaging in a range of indoor learning activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and staff.
The inspector looked at documentation, including a selection of policies and procedures, evidence of staff suitability and qualifications, and the children's learning records.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and carers spoken to on the day.

Inspector

Amanda Tompkin

Full report

Information about the setting

Scooters Playclub was registered in 2006 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register. The club operates from Hanbury First School, on the outskirts of Bromsgrove and Droitwich, Worcestershire. There is an enclosed area for outdoor play. The club opens Monday to Friday, during the school term, from 7.45am and 9am and from 3pm to 6pm. The club also opens during the school holidays from 8am to 6pm. The club employs three staff, all of whom hold appropriate play work or early years qualifications. There are 68 children on roll, of whom six are in the early years age range. The club supports children who speak English as an additional language.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- organise space and relevant resources for children who wish to relax and take part in quiet activities
- extend children's understanding of healthy eating by discussing healthy options with them at snack time.

Inspection judgements

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend

Children are happy and settled; they enjoy their time in the club where they engage in a wide range of stimulating activities. Staff respond well to children's preferences for play and set out the resources accordingly. This means that children's needs are met as they choose from the resources laid out on tables. Staff demonstrate that they know the children well and regularly observe them as they play. They take note of children's self-initiated play and use this information to inform their planning, ensuring that the children's interests are used as a basis for future learning. For example, children are encouraged to devise a timetable of activities they would like to take part in for the following week. As a result, children are achieving and developing a good level of skills to support their future learning as they move up through school.

Staff have an effective partnership with the attached school. The club receive updates about what the children are learning in school. Consequently, staff are able to tailor activities to support children's learning within school. On entry, parents contribute to initial assessments of their children's starting points and are kept well-informed about their children's achievements and development, through regular feedback and open access to their learning records. Consequently, children are cared for according to parents' wishes.

Friendships develop across the age range, for example, as older children help younger children make rubber band bracelets.

Children develop their physical skills well outdoors, as they have access to the many play areas within the school grounds. Children talk freely with peers, staff and visitors. They happily chat to each other as they sit and eat their snacks. Staff use good teaching skills, including asking open-ended questions and supporting children in their chosen activity, such as helping children to build castles out of construction bricks. This stimulates them to be active learners and pay close attention. Consequently, children's learning and competence in communication is well-supported.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children

Children's personal, social and emotional development is effectively supported within the club. A good key-person system is in place. As a result, children show a real sense of belonging, are confident and form positive relationships with adults and other children. Children are very happy and settle well in this club. Staff greet children with enthusiasm and show genuine interest about how their day at school has been. Their move into the club is managed well and helps them to feel confident and happy in their surroundings. Information obtained from parents ensures staff are informed about children's preferences and they use this effectively during the settling-in phase. Children confidently make choices about what they would like to play with. However, there is scope to improve the opportunities indoors for children who want to relax while taking part in quiet activities.

Children's health and well-being are supported effectively. Children's individual dietary needs are discussed with parents and taken into account at snack times. However, there is scope to improve children's understanding of healthy eating by staff discussing the healthy snack options available to them. Children are encouraged to be independent in their choice of activities and in their self-care routines. Children learn to become independent as they are encouraged to carry out small tasks, such as serving the drinks at snack time. They enjoy mixing with children of different ages. This helps children to form other friendships, develop their social skills well and to increase their confidence. As a result, children continue to be emotionally equipped to make good progress at school.

Children behave well while at the club because staff manage children's behaviour well. Clear boundaries are set and club rules are displayed, and children respond positively to guidance from the staff. Staff value children's individuality and praise their good behaviour. Consequently, children are happy and familiar with the daily routine. Children learn about staying safe through daily routines and discussions. Staff give gentle reminders to ensure they develop a good awareness of safe behaviour. As a result, children show a good understanding of personal safety. Their understanding of safety is further promoted as they learn about fire safety. Staff practise the evacuation procedure regularly with them to ensure they know what to do in the event of an emergency.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision

Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures and how to protect children. Good systems are in place to keep children safe. There are effective vetting and recruitment procedures that ensure all persons employed are suitable to work with children. The management team discuss ongoing suitability with the staff during appraisals and supervision sessions. These are also used to discuss the professional development of staff and their training needs. The premises are secure and visitors are asked to sign the visitors' book, which further safeguards children. In addition, children are supervised well, both indoors and outdoors. Children's welfare is promoted because staff provide a safe environment for them to use, which is maintained through regular visual and written risk assessments.

Self-evaluation is continuous due to consistent communication. Staff ask children about activities they have enjoyed and the changes they wish to see. They are responsive to children's suggestions and make improvements to maintain their positive experiences at the club. Positive partnerships have been established with parents. It is evident from discussions with parents that they are extremely happy with the service the club provides. Parents speak fondly of the staff and their caring nature towards the children. They appreciate how well staff helped their children settle-in when they first joined the setting and adapted to their needs. Staff encourage parents to take an active part in their child's learning through daily feedback, questionnaires and sharing children's learning journals on a regular basis. This encourages parents to be enthusiastically involved in extending their children's learning at home through play.

The managers of the club have a clear understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and demonstrate a secure understanding of how to meet the welfare, learning and development requirements. Planning and evaluation of activities is good and ensures that children are achieving and enjoying their time after school. Staff track and monitor children's progress, which enables them to quickly close any gaps in children's learning. Staff recognise the importance of working in partnership with other early years professionals should the need arise.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
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The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	Met
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Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.
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Met		There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
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Inspection

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Setting details

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Type of provision	
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Number of children on roll	68
Name of provider	Jo-Anne Beverley Skeys and Emma Jaine Nash-Lewis Partnership
Date of previous inspection	23/09/2009
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and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

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