

Kids Club (Godmanchester)

Godmanchester Primary School,, Park Lane, Godmanchester, Huntingdon,
Cambridgeshire, PE29 2AG



Inspection date	12 March 2015
Previous inspection date	30 September 2008

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The quality of teaching is outstanding. Staff have an extremely clear understanding of children's learning needs. They plan and provide a superb range of activities, indoors and outdoors, that children thoroughly enjoy.
- Children have an extremely good understanding of how to behave. They devise and follow their own rules for kind and sharing behaviour. As a result, they play harmoniously together.
- Staff effectively gather information from teachers in school that enables them to enhance and complement children's current learning experiences exceptionally well.
- The club is very well organised. Registers are accurately maintained and children's location is carefully tracked as they move between the school, club and various activity groups on site. This helps to keep them all safe.
- Children have excellent opportunities to contribute to the running of the club. Staff seek out their views so they actively participate in the planning of future activities, such as an Easter egg treasure hunt for the school holidays.
- The manager monitors staff practice very effectively. She meets with her staff team regularly to ensure their training needs are known and met. Staff are positively encouraged to use their individual teaching skills to enable children to make the best progress possible.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to reflect on ways to enhance further still the information given to parents so they know what their children do day to day.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the children at play indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke with staff and children during the inspection.
- The inspector had meetings with the manager and a representative of the management committee.
- A range of documentation was checked, including some policies and procedures, suitability checks for staff, the club's self-evaluation and children's information.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents and looked at the results of parent surveys.

Inspector

Veronica Sharpe

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is outstanding

Children thrive in this busy, friendly club. They enjoy participating in the superb range of activities, which they have helped to plan. Staff clearly know the children very well and greet them affectionately. They sit alongside the children to skilfully support their learning, for example, they show them how to make a Mother's Day flower from tissue paper. Children talk enthusiastically about activities they have enjoyed, such as taking apart electronic equipment to see how it works. They are articulate and confidently express their ideas and opinions. Resources are well organised and easily accessible. Children know where to find things because staff have clearly labelled the boxes and shelves. Caring and attentive staff enable children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities to take part in the activities.

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

Children arrive at the club ready and eager to play. They greet staff and each other warmly and settle quickly to their activities. Younger children have their own base room, which has cushions, books and a television for quiet relaxation. They are cared for by their key person until they are ready to explore the activities in other parts of the club. Children help to devise the varied snack menus, following school guidance about healthy options. A fruit bowl and drinking water are available throughout the session, encouraging children to satisfy their own appetites independently. Children have excellent opportunities to benefit from fresh air and exercise. They use the wider school grounds for active games that support their physical health. A smaller enclosed area is well equipped for imaginative play with role play equipment and a playhouse.

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

The club managers have highly effective methods to recruit staff and ensure they are safe and suitable. Staff teamwork is extremely good and each staff member is highly vigilant to ensure children are safely supervised and supported. All staff attend child protection training. As a result, they have a clear understanding of how to respond if a child is at risk of abuse or neglect. Close partnerships with the school mean that any concerns are safely shared to ensure children are well protected. Parents are extremely happy with the club and feel very well informed. Staff collect the views of parents regularly and take action to address any suggestions. For example, the parents' noticeboard has been moved so it is more visible. Staff continue to reflect on ways to make communication with parents even more effective. Managers and staff have positive attitudes towards training. As a result, several staff are improving their qualifications, with others booked on courses or workshops. This builds staff skills and confidence, enabling them to offer high-quality learning experiences for all children.

Setting details

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Local authority	Cambridgeshire
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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	60
Number of children on roll	125
Name of provider	Kids Club Committee
Date of previous inspection	30 September 2008
Telephone number	01480 375011

Kids Club (Godmanchester) was opened in 1998. It is based in the Daffodil Children's Centre in Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire. The club is managed by a voluntary committee. The club employs 14 members of childcare staff. Of these, six hold appropriate early years or playwork qualifications at level 2 or 3. During school term times the club is open from 7.45am to 8.50am and 3.10pm to 6pm each weekday. The club opens during school holidays from 7.45am to 6pm each weekday.

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