

Class of Their Own @ Connaught Road

Connaught Infant School, Connaught Road, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3WB



Inspection date

28 April 2016

Previous inspection date

21 March 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Staff work well with parents and, for example, regularly provide them with information on activities and snacks available for children. Parents report being 'very happy' with the after school club and that children 'enjoy the activities' on offer.
- Senior managers successfully support the recently appointed supervisor and hold regular meetings to share updates and evaluate practice.
- Staff fully involve themselves in children's play and provide a good range of activities and experiences.
- Children's behaviour is exemplary and staff set high expectations. For example, the club rules help children to keep themselves safe and promote an exceptionally positive and cooperative environment.
- Excellent links with the school enable staff to communicate with teachers. They share information about children's needs and complement their learning at school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The thorough supervision and performance management processes in place for supervisors and managers are not always used as effectively with all staff.
- Occasionally, staff do not always make the best possible use of all areas of the environment to extend children's play experiences, particularly for those who prefer to be outside.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the performance management processes in place for all staff
- continue with plans to extend play opportunities for children across all areas of the environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children at play with the supervisor.
- The inspector took the views of parents into account.
- The inspector spoke with different members of staff about processes and safeguarding measures.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, records and policies with the supervisor and senior managers.
- The inspector spoke to children and observed their play indoors and outdoors.

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The strong management team continually evaluates the effectiveness of the club and values the views of parents, children and school staff. Actions taken to improve the quality of provision are carefully planned and are successful. For example, parents now receive weekly information emails, and children's snack choices have been extended. Safeguarding is effective. Child protection training forms part of each staff member's induction and welfare. There are clear systems in place should staff need to report any concerns. Regular staff meetings are held to share information, plan activities and discuss children's needs.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff consistently interact with children and ensure that all children are engaged in their play. They respect children's preferences and children move freely between the range of activities provided. For example, some choose to play quietly, while others enjoy balancing and jumping on the outdoor equipment. Staff plan enjoyable experiences for children and help them to achieve their goals. For example, staff supported children to make 'strawberry mice', which children then proudly showed to their parents. The key-person system helps staff to observe children at play and have a good awareness of their interests. Staff use this knowledge effectively to encourage appropriate levels of challenge in children's activities and to extend resources. Children use their imagination, for example, as they actively engage in dressing up and construct models together.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children display exceptionally high levels of confidence. For instance, they are able to easily find resources independently to support their play and politely ask for help if needed. Staff provide excellent role models for children and enthusiastically encourage and praise children for their efforts and cooperation. Children have secure friendships and excellent relationships exist between children and staff. These relationships are significantly nurtured by the key-person system, which helps children to settle quickly when they start. Staff have recently updated all safety procedures, and children are continually reminded of how to keep themselves safe. For example, children clearly explain what actions they should take in the event of a fire alarm. The staff are highly effective as they inspire children about the need for healthy lifestyles. For example, children have opportunities for challenging physical exercise, and older children routinely remind younger ones to wash their hands before eating. Staff are extremely aware of children's needs. For example, they have introduced a cosy space and story time for children who may feel tired towards the end of the day.

Setting details

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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 7
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	145
Name of provider	Class Of Their Own Ltd
Date of previous inspection	21 March 2012
Telephone number	01273733337

Class of their Own is an after school club and registered in 2011. It is based at Connaught Infant School in Hove, East Sussex. The club is one of several out of school settings owned by a private company. The after school club is open from 3pm to 6pm each weekday, during term time. There are six members of staff, one of whom holds a level 3 qualification in playwork.

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