

Playtarium At Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Rc Junior And Infant School, Langford Drive, Luton, LU2 9AJ

Inspection date	9 November 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Managers have created a child-centred environment that is welcoming, calm and includes all children. Children flourish and enjoy their time at the club.
- Staff have a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures and they support children's safety and well-being effectively. For example, they undertake daily risk assessments to ensure that the environment is safe at all times.
- The environment and resources are good and support children's all-round development. Children concentrate well on the activity of their choice.
- Children's behaviour is good. They are involved in agreeing clear rules and expectations for conduct. Staff are good role models.
- The managers have developed strong relationships with the host school and with parents. Close communication between all parties helps to support children's care and their formal learning at school.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- The monitoring of staff practice lacks precision and is not sharply focused enough to help raise the quality of teaching to outstanding.
- Self-evaluation does not yet show precise targets for further development or assess the impact that current priorities for improvement have on children's fun activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the monitoring of staff practice to help raise the quality of the provision to the highest level
- strengthen self-evaluation procedures further to identify more precise areas for development and assess the impact that improvements have on children's fun activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector talked to the staff and children to gain their opinions, and observed play indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector held a meeting with the manager and a committee member. She looked at relevant documentation, including a selection of policies, the club's self-evaluation and evidence of the suitability checks of staff.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children throughout the inspection.

Inspector

Beverley Devlin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. All staff have received safeguarding training and know the correct procedures to follow in the event of any child protection concerns. All staff have a thorough understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse. Staff have also recently completed training to help them identify children who may be at risk from being exposed to extreme ideas about right and wrong. The manager monitors children's attendance and maintains all the required documentation to protect children's well-being. The newly appointed manager and committee are proactive with regard to the continual development of the service. The views of parents and children are sought and are used to continually enhance the service provided. Robust recruitment arrangements are used to ensure the suitability of staff working with children. Staff review and evaluate the success of the activities for children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Children and staff build strong relationships with each other. Staff gather detailed information about each child, in order to meet their individual needs. Children quickly get involved in the activities and experiences. They make the most of the freedom to choose what they do. Children are always active and busy. They enjoy opportunities to express their ideas and create using a good range of materials. For example, they create puppets, and then enjoy using them in their own shadow puppet performance. Children have plenty of opportunities to develop their understanding of their own and others' cultures and traditions. Children develop an awareness of communities and beliefs beyond their immediate experiences.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children check in with staff regularly, with warm reassurance available for them if needed. They listen attentively during group discussions and follow instructions. Children are helpful and responsible, assisting with collecting resources and tidying up at the end of the day. Older children act as mentors for younger ones, helping them to follow routines, and provide them with assistance if they need it. Children have a quiet area to go to should they so wish, which includes a range of books for them to enjoy. Children practise drawing and writing, and take part in a variety of board games. They demonstrate a sense of achievement as staff celebrate their efforts and congratulate their ideas. Children's health and well-being are encouraged. They enjoy a variety of foods and play an active role in preparing their own snacks. Staff help children to develop a range of practical skills, encouraging them to be independent and to follow good hygiene practices. The outdoor area gives children good opportunities to choose to play in small groups or independently. Children use their whole body in different ways and develop their physical skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY484572
Local authority	Luton
Inspection number	1001572
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 - 11
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	118
Name of registered person	PLAYtarium Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP530266
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07900 811558

Playtarium At Sacred Heart was registered in 2014. It operates from a self-contained modular building within the school grounds. The club employs seven members of childcare staff, three of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday during term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am to 8.45am, and from 3.30pm to 6pm.

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