

Little Acorns & Penketh Community Primary After School Club



Penketh Community Primary School, Coniston Avenue, Penketh, WARRINGTON,
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| Inspection date | 11 October 2017 |
| Previous inspection date | 25 June 2014 |

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children's emotional well-being, safety and personal development are at the heart of the club's activities. Children show very high levels of self-esteem and security in the club.
- Children make excellent progress in their development. Staff are splendid role models for children. They share their enjoyment of learning and successfully encourage children to talk, experiment and think for themselves.
- Children are fully engrossed in activities that they find enjoyable and stimulating. Staff use their expert skills to observe, talk and join in children's play sensitively.
- Staff have high expectations of children. They listen to children, encourage them to make choices and have some useful ways to gather their views.
- Partnerships with parents are exemplary. Parents think very highly of the club and its staff. Staff value parents' views and actively seek and act on their comments.
- The partnership with the host school is very effective. Staff have an excellent knowledge of each child. They plan meticulously and sensitively to maximise children's learning potential and enjoyment.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to build on the excellent ways children are involved in the planning and organisation of the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of staff's interactions during activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the impact this has on children's development and enjoyment.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection and met with the managers and the provider.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including policies and evidence of the suitability of staff working with children.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from information in the club's records and by talking to some parents.

Inspector

Mary Wignall

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff have an excellent understanding of the possible signs of abuse and local referral procedures. The provider has very high expectations of staff and children alike. They plan a highly positive environment in which children learn and play after their day at school. Staff recruitment, training and support procedures are extremely efficient. They help to retain a highly motivated, skilled and well-qualified staff team. Partnerships with other providers, including the host school and local nurseries, are excellent. Parents greatly appreciate the much personalised transition arrangements staff plan for their children. They comment on the 'seamless' transitions from nursery and school into the club. Self-evaluation is thorough and an integral part of the club. Managers plan a range of meetings with parents, children and school teachers. They use these expertly to help assess the impact of their service on children's outcomes. They are now considering how to build on the very wide range of ways that children are involved in to decide how the club is run.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children settle quickly in the club. Staff are very committed to finding out and meeting each child's unique needs. They have an excellent understanding of how children develop. They know when to intervene to extend children's learning or when to leave them to practise and experiment. Children are highly motivated. They demonstrate excellent concentration as they make art with natural materials, paint and glitter. They show great imagination and persistence in play. They use twigs as paintbrushes and reshape their art to get it just how they want it. They speak with eloquence as they describe what they are making to staff. Children of different ages play exceptionally well together. They share complicated role-play games. Children dress in different uniforms, busily answer telephone calls and record notes in pretend play. They are extremely motivated and skilfully helped to make the most of the learning opportunities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children's behaviour is exemplary. Children demonstrate a very good understanding of how to stay safe. They readily explain how they play safely outdoors. They are expertly encouraged to follow and develop their own interests. Some children enjoy playing with balls and others use magnifying glasses to explore the wildlife. All children demonstrate an extremely good attitude to playing outside and being active. Children fully cooperate with and learn from the club's highly consistent and efficient hygiene procedures. They automatically wash and dry their hands with care. They relish taking turns to help staff set tables and prepare for snack time. They learn excellent manners as they wait and eat together. Snack time is used as an excellent opportunity to further develop their already admirable manners and social skills. Children have enormously positive relationships with staff and other children.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | EY357977 |
| Local authority | Warrington |
| Inspection number | 1102081 |
| 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 - 10 |
| Total number of places | 24 |
| Number of children on roll | 55 |
| Name of registered person | Little Acorns Children's Day Nursery Limited |
| Registered person unique reference number | RP519509 |
| Date of previous inspection | 25 June 2014 |
| Telephone number | 01925 790 500 |

Little Acorns & Penketh Community Primary After School Club registered in 2007. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, one holds early years professional status and four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above. The club opens from Monday to Friday, term time.

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