

Denim Out Of School Club At The Croft



The Croft Preparatory School, Alveston Hill, Alveston, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 7RL

Inspection date	10 September 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is good

- Staff give high priority to children's safety. They carry out daily checks to identify and remove potential hazards. Children are supervised well at all times and managers deploy staff effectively to ensure children's safety.
- Children arrive at the club happy and keen to spend time with their friends. Staff engage children in discussions about their day and enthusiastically join in their play. This helps to create a warm and relaxed environment. Children develop strong relationships with the caring and friendly staff.
- Children behave well and use good manners. They are clear about the rules of the club, they listen and willingly follow instructions from staff.
- The provider is committed to providing good-quality care for children. Overall, self-evaluation is effective and involves staff and parents through gathering views and reflecting on practice.
- Children have opportunities every day for physical exercise and follow good hygiene practices.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Occasionally, staff do not facilitate children's play as effectively as possible to help ensure all children have equal access to games.
- On occasions, activities do not start promptly and children become a little bored and lose enthusiasm during these times.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen staff's skills in consistently providing play opportunities that enable all children to take part
- review daily routines to maximise children's engagement and enjoyment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used by the club.
- The inspector spoke to some parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector looked at a selection of documents, including children's records and accident forms. She discussed the club's self-evaluation with the manager. The inspector reviewed evidence of staff's suitability, qualifications and training.
- The inspector observed children and staff during activities and daily routines in the indoor and outside areas.

Inspector

Karen Laycock

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff and managers have completed relevant training and understand how to keep children safe. They are aware of the possible signs that a child may be at risk of harm and they have a secure knowledge of the procedures for reporting any concerns they may have about a child's welfare to the relevant agencies. Recruitment, vetting and ongoing suitability checks are robust to make sure all staff are suitable to work with children. Parents speak highly of the staff team. They comment that they are very happy with the service provided and that their children look forward to attending.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Throughout the club children are engaged busy and make good use of the environment, generally. Children use their imaginative and creative skills as they decorate pebbles with coloured pens. They engage in lively conversations together as they develop their designs. Staff make good use of these opportunities to complement children's learning in school. For example, they introduce discussions about pattern, shape and size. Children enjoy playing with resources, such as cars and construction toys. Staff provide support and guidance to help children overcome challenges and develop a 'can do' attitude. For example, as children use the adventure playground in the school grounds staff support them to climb and balance.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children clearly enjoy their time at the club. They comment on how they look forward to spending time with their friends. Staff encourage children to be independent. For example, children take responsibility for hanging up their coat and bags when they arrive at the club. Staff help children to learn how to keep themselves safe from harm. Children know that they inform a member of staff when using different areas of the school premises. Children learn to respect other's opinions and ideas. During snack time, they take turns to talk about their day, listening politely when others speak. Staff are kind and attentive towards children. They provide clear guidance about what is acceptable behaviour. Children behave well. They have a good knowledge of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. They thoroughly enjoy their time outdoors where they take part in a range of lively team games. Children use good hygiene practices and independently access a cold water fountain for regular drinks.

Setting details

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Local authority	Warwickshire
Inspection number	10059741
Type of provision	Out-of-school day care
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	3 - 10
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	82
Name of registered person	Polkadot Day Nurseries Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902404
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07813 898939

Denim Out Of School Club At The Croft registered in 2016. The club employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens Monday to Friday, from 7.50am to 8.30am and 4pm to 6pm during term time. They operate a holiday club that opens from 9am to 5pm, during school holidays.

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