

Bedford Road Dawn Until Dusk Ltd



Bedford Road Lower School, Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42
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Inspection date	6 December 2018
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of 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

- The friendly staff know the children very well. They quickly respond to slight changes in children's needs, such as when the youngest children are feeling tired after a particularly busy day at school.
- Children concentrate for long periods of time and rapidly become immersed in interesting activities. Staff talk to them about the changes they see and feel while they enthusiastically add ingredients to make fake snow.
- Children sit together while they eat carefully planned nutritious snacks and meals. Older children enjoy taking responsibility to ensure their younger buddies have sufficient amounts of food to eat.
- Children behave extremely well. They enjoy scoring goals on a football-based reward chart. This contributes to their motivation to be polite, kind, considerate and helpful.
- Leadership is exceptionally strong. The owners and senior leadership team ensure staff have the knowledge, skills and resources to assist them to carry out their roles. This helps to maintain the highest-quality provision.
- Staff create a warm, welcoming and carefully arranged environment for children to play, explore and relax in. Dedicated quieter areas give children spaces to rest or share books and stories.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to provide exciting and engaging activities for all children, taking into consideration the extended age range of children attending the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities inside and outside. She spoke to the owners, senior managers, staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector discussed children's involvement in a planned activity with the manager.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of staff. She looked at a range of documents, including children's records, planning sheets and records of staff supervision.
- The inspector spoke with a small number of parents during the inspection. She took their views, and those recorded in feedback questionnaires, into consideration.

Inspector

Katrina Rodden

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff are familiar with the robust procedures they follow and know how to report any concerns they have about children's welfare. They carry cards containing essential contact details to assist swift communication with leaders and when necessary, outside agencies involved in child protection. The owners ensure staff are suitable to work with children and continue to review this through the duration of staff's employment. The highly committed managers use a comprehensive induction and supervision process to help monitor staff's professional development and excellent performance. A combination of in-house and external training opportunities help staff refresh and enhance their already strong knowledge and practice. Children, parents and other professionals contribute their valued feedback to help the owners and managers evaluate all aspects of the provision. This helps them continually improve and the already exceptionally high standards across the Dawn Until Dusk settings.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff gather accurate information from parents to help assess children's starting points and interests when they first start attending the club. When staff go to collect children from their classes, they also find out what children have been learning about at school. Staff continue themes and ideas that have stemmed from children's formal learning to skilfully follow through in adult-planned and children's self-chosen activities. Children enthusiastically extend their play and explorations. They find small penguins and a model of ice blocks to add to the snow scene they have made. They play together, taking turns to hide the penguins. They discuss where penguins live and what they might eat. This helps to support children's understanding of the world around them. Along with area managers, staff consider the dynamics of the differing ages and stages of development of the club members. They plan to incorporate activities and resources that trigger all children's drive to explore in a positive and harmonious way.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

The exceptionally strong key-person system helps to ensure children are extremely happy, settled and valued in the club. Excellent communication with parents is maintained through a variety of ways, such as regular newsletters, daily conversations and learning journals. Children gather together to help set ground rules that they should all follow. They have opportunities to select theme boxes to help trigger different ways to play and explore. This helps children begin to understand rules of democracy and to feel valued members of the group. Highly experienced staff create opportunities for children to manage risks for themselves. Children enthusiastically tell visitors about their forest school sessions and recall how they used different tools and equipment.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY542350
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10080237
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	4 - 11
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	72
Name of registered person	Dawn Until Dusk Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902292
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01234930505

Bedford Road Dawn Until Dusk Ltd registered in 2016. It operates each weekday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.45am and from 3.15pm until 6pm. There are two members of staff with additional bank staff support, when necessary. The manager holds an appropriate qualification at level 6 .

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