

Inspection of KIA Active Centre

Kings Cliffe Active 1 Kingsmead, Station Road, Kings Cliffe, Peterborough PE8 6YH

Inspection date:

10 February 2023

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children are happy to arrive in this relaxing and friendly club. They know and follow the routine on arrival, showing they feel safe and secure. Children place their bags and coats in the allocated space. They sit together for a snack, where they talk about their day with their friends and staff. Staff use this opportunity to keep children informed of any events that may be happening, such as the up-and-coming half term and activities on offer.

Children freely access a variety of activities. They show a positive attitude as they become busily involved in the play. Children use various arts and crafts materials and choose what they would like to make. For example, they decide to make Valentine's Day cards and bookmarks and excitedly share their ideas with each other. Younger children set out a train set and build with connecting straws. Staff play along with children, supporting their ideas and listening to their thoughts. They create a warm and friendly atmosphere and genuinely enjoy interacting and having fun with the children. Children's care needs are met well. Staff are nurturing and caring, and they encourage children to be independent, for example, by learning how to put on their coats.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- Staff gather important information from parents prior to children attending. This helps to ensure children's individual needs, such as medical and dietary requirements, are met. Staff talk to parents at the end of each session, sharing information about their children's day.
- Children follow the club routines well and staff readily praise their good behaviour. The older children are very good role models. For example, they remind younger children of the safety rules, hold doors open and include them in board games. Staff play with children and make sure that the sessions are flexible, so children can make choices.
- Children say attending the club is 'so much fun'. They happily talk about the resources and activities they enjoy. Children particularly like arts and crafts, games and dancing. Children are given a sense of ownership over the club. They use the 'Mind Map' book to record their ideas and opinions and share these with staff. This helps children to have a voice and get involved in decision-making at the club.
- Staff promote healthy practices during the club sessions. Children know they must wash their hands as they arrive at the club in readiness for snack time. Children are always offered healthy choices of fresh fruit and water as part of their snacks. They have space to be physically active, both inside and in the outdoor areas.

- Parents are positive about the care their children receive. They say children have a good relationship with the staff, who provide 'lots of fun' activities. Parents state the communication they receive is good, and they are happy to talk with any member of staff.
- The club effectively work in partnership with the host school. Some staff who work with children in the school also work at the club. This means that staff know the children incredibly well. This helps them to recognise any changes to children's health or emotional well-being and take appropriate action.
- Staff feel supported by managers and colleagues and there is an effective system in place to support the induction of new staff. All staff receive regular supervision and complete all mandatory training. Staff have opportunities to further their learning and development by taking part in additional online courses. They are encouraged to share ideas with the rest of the team and state they enjoy working together.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff have a good understanding of their role to keep children safe. They are aware of the possible indicators that could suggest a child is at risk of harm and know the correct procedure to follow if they have any concerns. Staff complete regular safeguarding training to keep their knowledge up to date. Recruitment and other procedures are in place to enable leaders to check that staff are, and remain, suitable to work with children. Staff risk assess the premises that are accessible to children daily. They complete a headcount of children before and after they visit the outdoor areas to keep them safe.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2610894
Local authority	North Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10262897
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	5 to 11
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	24
Name of registered person	Kaleidoscope In Action Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP900952
Telephone number	07584825025
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

KIA Active Centre registered in 2020 and is located in Kings Cliffe, Peterborough. The club employs five childcare staff. All of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club operates Monday to Friday, during term time only. Sessions are from 7.45am to 8.40am and 3.15pm to 5.30pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charmaine Cayton

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Children spoke with the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector spoke to several parents during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- Staff provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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