

Inspection of AJS Out of School Care

The Barlow, 216 Bolton Road, Turton, Bolton BL7 0AP

Inspection date:

23 August 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The setting understands the importance of self-evaluation. It intends to use information from parents and carers, staff and children when determining how it can improve. The setting hopes to share best practice with other childcare settings. It aspires to offer children a 'home-from-home' environment.
- The setting plans to provide children with a play programme that will be built on research and playwork principles. It intends to complement children's learning from school through play. The setting aims to give children real-life experiences, such as fishing and building dens.
- The setting understands the importance of providing a nurturing environment where children can play happily. It understands the significance of effective staff deployment, risk assessment and child supervision. Robust policies are in place to ensure that adults working with children are suitable. The setting has effective systems in place for no smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol onsite. It intends to keep children safe while on outings and aims to teach them about road safety.
- The setting shows a secure understanding of how it will intend to support staff during supervision and appraisal meetings. It aims to provide coaching, mentoring and training to staff to help them to improve their practice.
- The setting has a good understanding of how it intends to support children to manage their own behaviour. It proposes to help children to learn about the different ways that they can regulate their own feelings. The setting aspires to teach children about mutual respect and kindness.
- The setting understands how it will offer an inclusive service. It aims to teach children about similarities and differences between themselves and others. The setting has first-hand experience of supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language. It acknowledges the significance of working closely with external professionals to ensure that children get appropriate support.
- The setting aims to support children to develop a good understanding of healthy living. It intends to provide nutritious meals to children and proposes to teach them about good oral health. Children will have daily access to outdoor play.
- The setting plans to keep children safe and protected from harm. It has a safeguarding policy that will be shared with staff and parents. Staff will attend safeguarding training and will keep up to date with changes in legislation. The setting proposes to have an open culture of safeguarding.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2689200
Local authority	Blackburn with Darwen
Inspection number	10362178
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	40
Name of registered person	AJ's Out Of School Care Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP555502
Telephone number	07974904484
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

AJS Out Of School Care registered in 2022 and is located in Bolton. The setting employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold a relevant qualification at level 3. The setting opens from Monday to Friday, all year round. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.40am, and 3.45pm until 6pm during term time, and 9am until 4pm during school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Luke Heaney

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 his evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises. He viewed the resources and toys that will be available to children.
- A range of relevant documentation was sampled by the inspector, including evidence of the suitability and training of staff.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager to establish her knowledge and understanding of the requirements for the early years foundation stage.

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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