

Inspection of Little Munchkins Children's Club

St. Bartholomews School, Sedgley Road, WOLVERHAMPTON WV4 5LG

Inspection date:

5 November 2024

**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 relaxed and happy in this welcoming club. Children arrive and greet staff with hugs. This shows children have warm and trusting relationships with the staff. The kind and caring staff sit with children and listen with genuine interest as children share their news. Staff provide plenty of opportunities after school for children to be physically active and enjoy time in the fresh air. Staff show children they value their ideas and opinions. They include children's requests and suggestions when planning the snack menus. Staff provide regular opportunities for children to help to plan activities. This helps children to feel a strong sense of belonging at the club. Staff provide a calm and relaxing environment for children to spend time in after school. Children of all ages behave well and are kind and considerate towards one another. Staff support children's independence. Children take care of their own belongings while in the club. They choose their snack and help themselves to drinks.

Children demonstrate high levels of confidence. They are keen to share what they enjoy about the club with visitors, such as spending time outdoors, being with their friends and craft activities. Children say they enjoy being with the staff who are 'fun and kind'.

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

- The provider is dedicated to ensuring the club provides a high-quality service to parents and children. She supports staff with regular supervisions and ongoing professional development. As a result, all staff have a strong understanding of their roles. This helps them to provide an environment that is fun, safe and inclusive for all the children who attend.
- The key-person system is effective. Partnerships with parents and the host school are a key strength of the club. When children start at the club, staff work closely with parents and the school teachers to gain information they can use to help children to settle quickly. Staff provide different levels of support for each child's age and needs. This helps to build children's confidence and supports new children to settle well.
- Staff know the children well. They take time to find out about children's interests and abilities. This helps staff to plan and adapt activities, so that all children have the best possible time at the club. Staff regularly check on younger children to provide any necessary support or reassurance.
- Staff are good role models. They demonstrate good manners and create an environment of mutual respect. Staff ensure children are aware of and adhere to the rules of the club. Consequently, children are polite and know what is expected of them and behave well. They seek out others to join in their play.

Older children are kind to younger children. They encourage them to join in activities and patiently teach them new skills.

- The club is a hive of activity. Staff provide a wide variety of activities and resources that harness children's interests. Indoors, children become deeply absorbed in craft activities and board games. Outdoors, children have great fun as they play different ball games, use skipping ropes and practise their balancing skills on bucket stilts.
- Throughout the club, staff initiate conversations with the children. Staff listen with interest as children talk about their families and personal experiences. This helps to build children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Staff deploy themselves effectively to ensure children are safe and can take full advantage of the wide range of activities available to them, indoors and outdoors. However, on occasions some staff do not always recognise when children would benefit from adult interaction.
- Staff promote healthy eating and children's good health in the club. They provide children with healthy, nutritious food at mealtimes. Fresh water is available to children and staff regularly encourage children to help themselves.
- Parents speak very highly of the staff and the service they provide. They say their children are happy in the club and look forward to the sessions they attend. Parents say they feel confident their children are kept safe during their time in the club.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2700910
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10365667
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	3 to 11
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	35
Name of registered person	Little Munchkins Childrens Club Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP557758
Telephone number	07920761762
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Little Munchkins Children's Club operates from St. Bartholomews School in the Penn area of Wolverhampton. The club operates Monday to Friday from 7.30 until 8.50am and again from 3.15pm until 6pm, during term time. It employs seven members of staff, three of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications from level 3 to level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Karen Laycock

Inspection activities

- The inspector and the provider completed a learning walk together to gather information about the experiences provided for the children.
- The provider and inspector carried out a joint observation to evaluate the effectiveness of the interactions of staff with the children.
- The inspector spoke to parents and children and took account of their views.
- The inspector spoke to staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke to the provider about the leadership and management of the club and viewed relevant documentation.

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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