

Inspection of Sparkles

Brayton Community Centre, Foxhill Lane, Selby, North Yorkshire YO8 9TP

Inspection date:

6 August 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Staff recognise the importance of developing strong relationships with parents and carers. They explain how they will provide parents with regular information. Parents' views of the club are positive. They comment that they value staff, their support and the activities provided for their children. Parents feel that their children are happy and safe, and that staff are caring.
- Managers explain how they provide staff with good development opportunities. Staff comment that they are happy working at the club. They feel well supported and valued. Staff have regular meetings with each other and managers to talk about children, activities and the club's ethos. Managers target supervision meetings on coaching and mentoring staff. Staff complete courses to support their ongoing professional development to increase their knowledge and skills.
- Staff explain how they will help children to understand the importance of following good hygiene routines. For example, they will ensure that children wash their hands before they eat. Staff describe how they will support children to make healthy choices. They will offer a balanced diet at meal and snack times. Staff discuss how they will encourage children to try different fruits and vegetables.
- Staff are able to demonstrate a good understanding of how to manage children's behaviour. They describe how they will take a calm and positive approach and promote children's understanding of being kind. Staff discuss how they will help children to learn the rules of the club. They explain how they are positive role models.
- The club has a good amount of space inside and outside. Staff explain how they will plan activities to support children's physical skills, such as badminton and riding on wheeled resources. Staff explain how they will arrange the key-person arrangements to be effective. They describe how early years children will benefit from care that is tailored to meet their individual needs.
- Staff explain how they will plan activities to complement children's learning in school. They have well-established arrangements in place, to share information with schools that children attend. Staff describe how shared strategies between staff and teachers will help to provide a consistent approach to caring for children and support their overall development.
- Staff recruitment is robust, helping to ensure that staff are suitable. Managers have a very good understanding of safer recruitment. They explain how they carry out robust checks to ensure that staff are suitable to work with children. This includes obtaining references and completing suitability checks.
- Staff describe the procedures in place to maintain children's safety, indoors and outdoors, including daily risk assessments and safety checks of the premises. They describe effective procedures for collecting children from school to support their safety.

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	2778840
Local authority	North Yorkshire
Inspection number	10413881
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	6 to 11
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	27
Name of registered person	Almond, Mandy
Registered person unique reference number	2718091
Telephone number	07554864472
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Sparkles registered in 2023 and is located in Selby. It is owned and managed by a private provider. There are currently four member of staff. Of these, three staff hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3 or above. The club opens from Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 8.45am and from 3.15pm to 6pm, during term time, except for bank holidays and two weeks at Christmas. The club also opens during school holidays on Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kerry Holder

Inspection activities

- The manager and the inspector completed a tour of the club, indoors and outdoors, to understand how the club is organised. The manager explained how they ensure that they provide a safe and suitable environment.
- The inspector held a meeting with the nominated individual and manager. They discussed how the club is managed.
- The inspector spoke to staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of the suitability of the staff working in the club and a selection of other records.

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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