

Inspection of Whalley C.E Primary School Out of School Care Club

Whalley C of E Primary School, Schools Out Club, Church Lane, Whalley, Lancashire
BB7 9SY

Inspection date:

5 September 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- Appropriate suitability checks are conducted on staff before employment. However, the provider has not ensured that some staff records regarding safer recruitment and vetting procedures are easily accessible and available. This is a breach of the statutory requirements of the early years foundation stage guidance.
- Leaders discuss how they ensure staff have a clear understanding of how to identify and respond to concerns about a child's welfare. They provide staff with training to ensure they understand how to respond in the event of an allegation being made and their responsibilities for safeguarding children and protecting them from the risk of harm. Leaders discuss the signs and symptoms that may indicate children's safety and welfare are being compromised. They share the procedures to follow should they have a safeguarding concern.
- Leaders explain how they promote equality, inclusion and diversity in the club. They provide opportunities for children to celebrate a range of festivals from around the world. Staff explain how they support children to be respectful of other people's needs when learning about braille and guide dogs from visitors.
- Leaders explain how they talk to children to encourage them to understand the importance of developing healthy lifestyles. They reinforce this through providing nutritious and balanced healthy snacks for children. Staff discuss how they encourage and promote participation in outdoor games, such as football, obstacle courses and swing ball. They display posters to foster effective handwashing and describe how they encourage and remind children to follow good hygiene routines.
- Leaders describe how staff support children's independence and self-esteem. They explain staff support children to pour their own drinks, make their own snack and manage their own personal needs. Leaders discuss how children share their views via the suggestion board and join in with planning activities.
- Leaders explain how staff establish effective relationships with parents and carers and the host school. They explain that parents are informed about their children's experiences through the daily discussions and the club's secure online app.
- Leaders discuss how they regularly work with the host school to ensure that there is consistency in care through following tailored strategies for children. They demonstrate a good awareness of the importance of creating an environment that meets the needs of all children.
- Leaders describe how staff promote children's positive behaviour to ensure children feel valued and respected. They recognise children's achievements and efforts, nominate them for star rewards and provide clear guidance on rules that children helped create. Staff also use books and puppets to help children understand the consequences of their actions.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
ensure that required records are easily accessible and available.	24/10/2025

Setting details

Unique reference number	309777
Local authority	Lancashire
Inspection number	10408186
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	7 to 10
Total number of places	70
Number of children on roll	227
Name of registered person	Whalley CE Primary School Out of School Care Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP902055
Telephone number	07930 153530
Date of previous inspection	28 January 2020

Information about this early years setting

Whalley C.E Primary School Out of School Care Club registered in 1999. It is operated from Whalley C of E Primary School, Whalley, Lancashire and is operated by a committee. The club employs eight members of childcare staff. Of these, one staff member holds a level 5 qualification, four staff members hold a relevant childcare qualification at level 3 and three staff members are unqualified. The club operates from Monday to Friday, all year round, except for a week at Christmas and Easter. Sessions are from 7.45am to 8.50am and from 3.25pm to 6pm. A holiday club operates during non-term time from 8am to 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lisa Bellam-Brown

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Leaders and staff shared with the inspector how the play areas and activities provided are organised.
- Leaders spoke to the inspector about how staff support and care for children.
- The inspector spoke with leaders and committee members about the leadership and management of the club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector looked at testimonials from parents during the inspection and considered their views.

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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