

Inspection of Lindley Out of School Club

Lindley Methodist Church, East Street, HUDDERSFIELD HD3 3ND

Inspection date:

10 March 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Met

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children report that they enjoy the time they spend at this welcoming after-school club. They all assemble in school, happily chatting to their friends about their day. Older children pair up with the early years children as they walk to the club building. This helps give the older children a sense of responsibility and supports the youngest children to understand the daily routine. Children's safety is paramount as they cross the road together, under the vigilant supervision of staff.

Children quickly become engaged in the many activities set out for them in the hall. The role-play area is particularly popular. Children have recently chosen some new resources, and this includes a hairdressers' set. Children take great delight in styling their friends' hair and showing them the results in the mirror. Children also enjoy craft activities, including making pictures from beads. They are delighted when staff join them in their play. There are lots of books for children to read, as well as construction equipment and toy vehicles. Staff find out about children's interests when planning the activities they provide. This helps to ensure there is plenty of variety and that individual children's preferences are catered for.

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

- Leadership and management arrangements are robust. The committee members who are responsible for the club recognise their responsibilities to meet the requirements of registration. They monitor the work of managers to ensure that the club is run effectively, and in the best interests of children and their families. Staff also report they feel valued and enjoy their work.
- Staff promote children's positive behaviour. They are quick to praise children for being kind to their friends or for helping each other. They also provide gentle prompts to remind children to share and to take turns when playing together. Children are also supported to resolve minor conflicts themselves. This helps children to develop important life skills.
- Children are invited to have a snack when they arrive, after washing their hands. They are given healthy choices. Information about any special dietary needs is collected so that food provided is safe and appropriate. There is a lovely atmosphere as children of all ages sit and eat together.
- The youngest children are allocated a key person to support them during the time they spend in the club. This helps to ensure that individual children's needs are met. Arrangements for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are also effective. Staff have recently attended SEND training, which has helped to ensure that they are mindful of helping children to feel settled and secure.
- There is an area of the hall designated for physical activities. Managers

recognise the importance of providing children with opportunities to run around after school. The club has purchased a variety of resources to promote physical play. However, on the day of inspection, only football was played by a few of the children. Children who did not want to join in are not always offered alternatives. Managers are currently reviewing the activities available and are mindful of the need to encourage children to take part in other physical games, such as badminton.

- Parents say that they are very happy with the service provided. They comment that their children love to come and are sometimes reluctant to go home. Parents receive regular newsletters, so they feel informed, for example, about staffing changes or holiday play schemes. They report that they consider their children to be safe and well cared for.
- Following a concern about security arrangements, leaders and managers have carried out a full investigation. They have reinforced collection procedures with staff and made some changes to settling-in arrangements for new starters. This is to ensure that all parents and children attend an open day, so they can see the club in operation and become familiar with staff and procedures. The arrangements on the day of the inspection ensured children were safeguarded.

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	311361
Local authority	Kirklees
Inspection number	10390356
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 7
Total number of places	48
Number of children on roll	90
Name of registered person	Lindley Out-of-School Club
Registered person unique reference number	RP903590
Telephone number	07702617584
Date of previous inspection	14 November 2019

Information about this early years setting

Lindley Out of School Club registered in 1994 and is one of two clubs managed by Lindley Out of School Club Committee. It is located in Lindley, Huddersfield. The club employs 18 members of childcare staff. Of these, 10 hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above. The manager holds a level 4 qualification. The club opens during term time between 7.30am and 9am and from 3.15pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, for children aged from three to seven years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jan Batchelor

Inspection activities

- We carried out this inspection as a result of a risk assessment, following information we received about 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 spoke to the manager and members of the committee about the leadership and management of the provision.
- Parents shared their views of the provision with the inspector.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the nursery.

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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