

The Badger Club

The Old School, Burnside Close, Ovingham, PRUDHOE, Northumberland
NE42 6BS



Inspection date	19 October 2018
Previous inspection date	16 January 2018

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires improvement	3
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is good

- Staff ask parents for detailed information about their children's individual needs when they first start at the setting. They keep parents well informed about children's daily activities. Parents and children speak very positively about the setting, the activities provided and the caring staff.
- Children's behaviour is good. All children are polite and respectful of one another. Older children are very mindful of those that are younger and make sure they include them in club activities. For instance, younger children are delighted to take part in a building competition organised by the older children.
- The staff team is knowledgeable and passionate about the club. The manager and staff have worked hard since the last inspection to build a strong vision for the club. They have each taken responsibility to develop individual areas of expertise to support ongoing developments to practice.
- Staff plan interesting activities that meet the needs of all children. For instance, children are highly engaged and motivated during den building activities. They work collaboratively to design and build their dens.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- On occasions, staff do not consistently implement ways in which to reduce noise levels to allow children who wish to play quietly to fully concentrate.
- Newly developed procedures to supervise staff and provide constructive feedback are not fully embedded to improve the overall quality of practice to outstanding levels.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- consistently manage noise levels in the club to support all children to concentrate and engage fully with the activities on offer
- strengthen the procedures to supervise, mentor and support staff to achieve the highest quality practice in the club.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities indoors and outdoors, and the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the club deputy manager.
- The inspector held a meeting with the club manager and provider. She looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a number of parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Amy Keith

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager has clear policies and procedures in place to support all staff to understand their role in safeguarding children. All staff complete regular training to ensure they are aware of current child protection legislation. Secure recruitment and vetting procedures check that staff are suitable to work with children. The manager works closely with the committee, staff and the local authority adviser to evaluate the quality of practice at the club. Since the last inspection, significant improvements have been made at the club. For instance, daily high-quality opportunities for outdoor play support all children to develop their exploration and investigative skills.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Qualified and experienced staff are attentive and enthusiastically involve themselves in children's play. They promote positive interactions and model key skills to support children to develop their independence. For example, they support younger children to build ramps then show them how to measure and record the distance that different vehicles travel. Children's physical skills are very well supported. They learn to use a range of tools and equipment correctly. For instance, they respond well to prompts from staff about using scissors safely as they play. Staff work in partnership with the local school. They meet with teachers when children first start to share observations and talk about children's interests and learning. The joint approach helps to ensure that learning is complemented at the club and promotes continuity in care for all children.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children enjoy their time in the warm and welcoming club. Children form secure attachments with all staff and particularly their key person. This helps to promote children's self-confidence and emotional development. Staff encourage children to eat healthily and support them to make positive food choices. For example, children choose from a range of healthy food items to make their own wraps for snack. Snack times are relaxed social experiences for children. They enjoy talking to staff about their day at school as well as activities they have enjoyed with their families. Staff truly value children's ideas about the club. A children's committee has recently been established. The children's committee provides feedback to staff about changes they would like to make and activities they would like to do at the club.

Setting details

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Inspection number	10080277
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Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	4 - 12
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	58
Name of registered person	The Badger Club
Registered person unique reference number	RP520352
Date of previous inspection	16 January 2018
Telephone number	07512742998

The Badger Club registered in 2002. The setting employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The setting opens Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 8.40am and from 3pm until 6pm, during term time only.

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