

Inspection of Before and After School at Pitton

Pitton Primary School, White Way, Pitton, SALISBURY SP5 1DT

Inspection date:

18 March 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 happy, confident and clearly enjoy their time in the club. Staff warmly welcome them as they arrive from their classrooms. Staff and children have good relationships and the children confidently talk about all the things they enjoy, such as drawing, playing with cars, role play and card games. Staff engage well with the children and plan activities that they know are of interest to the children. In addition, children can choose different activities or resources from the cupboard. Staff interact well with the children in the pretend café and children invite staff to choose food. Children play card games with staff and there is lots of discussion about the game.

Children behave well. They are polite and well mannered, saying please and thank you at appropriate times. Older children help the younger ones to know the boundaries and expectations. For example, they help pack the toys away and tidy up. Older children play games with the younger children and help them to recognise that it is taking part that is important, not always winning.

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

- Staff work well together as a team. There is clear leadership from the manager. Staff have regular meetings with the manager on an individual basis and as a team. They are encouraged to share their ideas and introduce new topics, such as different baking opportunities for the children to try.
- Staff provide lots of good arts and craft materials to enable children to develop their imagination. Younger children spend considerable time mixing different colour paints to their satisfaction. Staff talk with them about what they are painting and children will ask staff for help and support when they need additional supplies.
- The manager and staff build strong relationships with parents and carers. Parents report that communication is good. They state the 'care is excellent, relaxed but stimulating' and their children feel 'safe, happy and confident with lots to do such as baking and craft'.
- The manager and staff work closely with the school to build and maintain positive links, so they can work together for the good of the children. The setting operates from one of the classrooms in the school and the staff team works hard to make children feel that this is a more relaxed environment than the school day. This enables children to play and be comfortable.
- Staff support children in learning about healthy lifestyles. Children enjoy healthy nutritious snacks, such as sugar snap peas, cheese, peppers, fruit and bread sticks with hummus. Children have good opportunities to use the school playground, where they run, play football and engage in games developing their

stamina and physical skills. Staff place a high emphasis on children's well-being.

- Children benefit from the staff knowing them very well. Staff provide opportunities for the children linked to their interests. They recognise when some children have been at school and then an after-school club and just need to relax, so they provide a cosy area where children can sit and read a book or just sit quietly.
- There are good systems to monitor and evaluate the provision that take into account the views of the staff, children and parents. Staff capture the children's views through simple child-friendly questionnaires, which has led to children being able to choose what snacks they have. In addition, if children request specific games or toys, the manager provides these, for example large wooden blocks that children can use for lots of different activities.

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	2656071
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	10332885
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	50
Name of registered person	Andrews-Skarul, Iwona
Registered person unique reference number	2656068
Telephone number	07785 933966
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Before and After School at Pitton operates from Pitton Primary School, on the outskirts of Salisbury, Wiltshire. The setting operates from 8am until 8.45am and 3.15pm until 5.30pm Monday to Thursday and Friday from 3.15am until 4.15pm. A team of four staff work with the children. All except one are qualified in early years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Lorraine Sparey

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the club received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector spoke to parents and other parents had provided written feedback. The inspector took account of all their views.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector toured all areas of the school used by the children at the club.
- The inspector completed observations in the playroom and the outside area and discussed the findings.

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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