

Inspection of Home from Home Kids Club

Fawbert & Barnards (Undl) Primary School, London Road, HARLOW CM17 0DA

Inspection date:

23 April 2025

**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 thoroughly enjoy their time at this bright and welcoming club. Children arrive with bubbling enthusiasm as they quickly place their belongings on the bench and go in search of their friends. They show wonderfully secure attachments to the kind and caring staff who work at the club. They tell them about their day and what they have been doing. Staff reciprocate with open-ended dialogue that shows a genuine interest in what children have to say.

Children are incredibly settled at this club. They describe how safe they feel and demonstrate a strong sense of belonging. Children make confident and independent choices about their time at the club. Staff provide a range of opportunities that offer choice and freedom. Children are comfortable as they use all areas of the club. They design games, choose where to spend time and what to do. This allows children to solve their own problems without interference from adults.

Staff value children's voices and ideas. Children and staff have created charters detailing the expected behaviours for both staff and children. Staff act as positive role models and children monitor the charter to ensure staff keep to their word. In turn, expectations for children are fairly and consistently applied by adults. As a result, behaviour is exemplary and relationships are positive and respectful.

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

- Leaders are tenacious in their efforts to keep children safe. Staff provide children with safety information on a regular basis, including how to stay safe online and recognise signs of grooming. Adults support children to feel safe, which means children know that help is available from staff if they ever feel unsafe or at risk.
- The provider has a clear vision for children and has an outstanding approach to delivering the best experiences for children who attend. She recognises the important experiences that children need in modern Britain. Children benefit from the club in the most positive ways. They develop good social skills, learn to make independent choices, share ideas and opinions and engage in healthy lifestyles. They learn how to keep themselves safe and when to seek out trusted adults for help.
- Children engage in highly energetic physical play outside. They play running races, create obstacle courses and play cricket. Children approach outdoor play with great positivity. They embrace the opportunities that the large play space offers.
- During school holidays, children explore the wider community. They visit local spaces, such as local paddling pools. Children enjoy baking sessions, gardening

and movie themed days. They experience a broad range of experiences that support their interests and ideas.

- Children enjoy healthy snacks and meals. Staff encourage children to eat their meals and ensure they eat fruit before having sweet treats. Staff talk to children about healthy choices and the importance of staying hydrated.
- Children engage well in the range of activities on offer. They make play dough, construct models with small bricks and colour by numbers. Children speak with enthusiasm about what they are doing. They describe to their friends how they have made a spider mobile for their friend and the materials they have used.
- Parents speak highly of the club and the staff. Parents feel that communication is excellent and the club is very well organised. They have complete trust in staff to keep children safe and know that children enjoy their time at the club.
- Children express how much they enjoy attending the club. They say they feel incredibly safe and that they trust adults to take care of them and keep them safe. They explain the rules of the club and how both staff and children have to follow them. Children show kindness to others and demonstrate that they value and respect the views and opinions of others.
- Leaders have a clear vision and purpose for operating the club. The provider has exceptionally high standards and is ambitious for all children that attend. There is a clear scrutiny around recruiting only the best staff to work with children and this is reflected in the commitment to staff development and ongoing support.

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	2719985
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10380782
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 9
Total number of places	40
Number of children on roll	77
Name of registered person	Reynolds, Linda Pauline
Registered person unique reference number	RP558623
Telephone number	07512201850
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Home from Home Kids Club registered in 2022 and is located in Old Harlow, Essex. The club operates Monday to Friday, between 3.15pm and 6pm, during term time. It also operates during school holidays between 7.30am and 6pm. The club employs nine staff, of whom four hold qualifications at level 2 or above.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Clare Ford

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Staff spoke to the inspector at appropriate times during the inspection and shared their views about the club.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children, both indoors and outdoors.
- Several parents spoke to the inspector and their views were taken into account.
- The inspector spoke to children, to find out about their time at the club.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.

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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