

Inspection of Bedford Road Dawn Until Dusk Ltd

Bedford Road Lower School, Hillgrounds Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8QH

Inspection date:

8 August 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Staff do not ensure children's welfare. Staff have not robustly risk assessed and do not supervise children to keep them safe. Additionally, staff do not have a clear understanding of their role so do not meet children's needs. The early years children do not have a key person to help them settle and tailor care to their needs. At times, the session is disorganised, and children wander about with little to do. That said, children enjoy much of their time at the club. Children demonstrate good behaviour and show respect for each other. Staff encourage them to recall the rules of the club. Children eagerly explain they are not allowed to go past the orange barrier and that they must have fun.

At times, staff play with children and encourage them to be physically active. For example, staff encourage children to play a structured game with a parachute. When staff obtain the children's interest and attention, children listen to the explanation of the game. They work together to shake the parachute and wait for their friends to run under it as they cheer each other on. Staff extend the game by encouraging children to imagine the weather on the parachute island is stormy and shake it fast. Children then use their imagination to pretend it is calm and sunny and shake the parachute slowly. However, activities as well organised as this are infrequent.

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

- Following a recent incident where an unknown individual was able to enter the site, staff have changed security procedures. For example, visitors are now asked to sign into a visitor book and the setting's mobile phone policy is enforced. However, when moving around the grounds of the club, not all aspects of the new procedures have been adequately risk assessed. This means staff do not always implement procedures effectively to fully safeguard children.
- Staff do not deploy themselves or communicate effectively to ensure children are supervised well. For example, staff do not always know when children are entering or exiting the building. Some children press the entry and exit buzzers to let their friends in. This does not assure children's welfare. Nevertheless, staff complete regular headcounts and keep an accurate record of children's attendance.
- Staff have not assigned a key person to the children who attend in the early years age range. This is a breach of requirements and means care is not tailored to their needs. Sometimes, early years children spend a long time with nothing to do. For instance, they lay on the floor waiting their turn for a game.
- While there are weaknesses in some aspects of safeguarding, staff have suitable child protection knowledge and designated officers are available for guidance

and advice as needed. Furthermore, staff work with the school staff to support children and their families appropriately. They communicate daily with parents about what their children have enjoyed during the day.

- Children are learning about healthy lifestyles. Staff encourage them to wash their hands before cooking and eating. They have some opportunities to play outside and be active. Staff provide nutritious meals that include fruits and vegetables.
- Children broadly occupy themselves and have some opportunities to choose from activities that interest them. Older children are confident and talkative, telling the inspector about their favourite things to play with.
- Children spend some time being creative as they paint pictures for their families and link loom bands together for their friends. They role play in the home corner, pretending to shop and cook in the play kitchen.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

There is not an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

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 all hazards are risk assessed effectively and demonstrate how these risks are being managed, with specific reference to when children move between different areas of the premises	30/08/2024
ensure that staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety	30/08/2024
ensure that all staff understand their roles and responsibilities and receive support to fulfil these roles effectively	30/08/2024
ensure staff follow policies and procedures that safeguard children, including the policy for how mobile phones are used in the setting	30/08/2024

assign each early years child a key person to ensure care is tailored to their needs.	30/08/2024
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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY542350
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10361560
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	30
Number of children on roll	121
Name of registered person	Dawn Until Dusk Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902292
Telephone number	01234930505
Date of previous inspection	6 December 2018

Information about this early years setting

Bedford Road Dawn Until Dusk Ltd registered in 2016. It operates each weekday during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.45am and from 3.15pm until 6pm. It also operates during some school holidays. These sessions are from 8am until 5pm. The setting employs three staff with additional bank members of staff.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Elke Rockey

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the manager and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- This inspection was carried out as a result of a risk assessment, following information received about the provider.
- The manager talked to the inspector about how the provision is organised, and the opportunities provided for the children. The inspector observed and evaluated the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and considered their views.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager and the area manager.
- 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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