

Inspection of Junior Adventures Group @ Bedford Road

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

Inspection date:

4 August 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy their time at the club. Staff provide a range of resources and lead experiences that support children's all-round development. Children are free to choose activities they enjoy and spend time completing tasks to their satisfaction. Young children concentrate to colour a trophy in a range of colours. Older children use their fingers to make patterns with small beads on bead boards. This helps keep their writing muscles strong and allows them to express their creativity.

Staff are kind and caring. They provide individual time for children who become upset to help them quickly settle in and feel confident in the club, especially on their first day. Children are caring and respectful, remembering the club values. Young children worry that their friends have lost their toys from home. They set about helping to find their owner.

Staff encourage good teamwork, reminding children to work together to tidy resources. They further facilitate organised games. Staff encourage children to listen to one another and have a say as they vote on which games to play. They explain the games clearly to children and encourage them all to join in. Staff instigate some practise rounds to ensure the very youngest children understand the rules. This helps to ensure all children are included in the opportunities available to them.

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

- The club staff team has made significant improvements since the last inspection. The leadership team has successfully implemented an effective action plan to address issues of concern identified at the last inspection. Staff use regular meetings to refresh knowledge and maintain a good standard of practice.
- The premises security is now robust, and all visitors are carefully monitored. Staff monitor children's whereabouts by ensuring children are within their sight and sound. This includes when they arrive and leave through the new gated area. Staff double check parent identity at collection with a password system. This helps to ensure children remain safe.
- Staff complete regular training to refresh their knowledge and learn new skills. There are opportunities online and face to face to develop an understanding of the principles of playwork and keep their mandatory training current.
- Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the club. They report good communication with staff in that they know what their children do at the club and the staff are friendly and caring. Additionally, staff survey the children about their time at the club. This helps to identify areas of meaningful development that nurtures the children.

- Young children practise their personal care skills as they enjoy the clothes in the dress up corner. When they realise their dress is on backwards, they problem solve to make sure the clothing is on correctly. Children follow the routines to wash hands and eat their meals and drink water whenever they need.
- Staff promote children's good health. They cook nutritious balanced lunches and offer fruit and vegetables for snack. Children have the option to relax at any point during the day. They can rest on comfortable sofas and read or watch a film. Children experience outdoor play to be physically active. They play football and chase games, laughing with their peers. This helps to keep them fit and healthy.

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	EY542350
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10364326
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	501
Name of registered person	Dawn Until Dusk Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP902292
Telephone number	01234930505
Date of previous inspection	8 August 2024

Information about this early years setting

Bedford Road Dawn Until Dusk Ltd registered in 2016. It operates from Bedford Road Lower School 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

- 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 spoke to the area manager.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector reviewed a range of parent surveys and considered their views.

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