

Inspection of Smartcare Holiday Club

Waverton Village Hall, Common Lane, Waverton, Chester CH3 7QT

Inspection date:

20 February 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders are experienced and knowledgeable. Staff understand how to care for young children. Children's happiness and safety is at the fore of their practice. Staff intend to create a caring, fun and stimulating environment where all children enjoy spending time.
- Staff are supported to understand their safeguarding responsibilities and child welfare is given high priority. For example, there are detailed procedures in place for rigorous risk assessments. Possible hazards in the space are safely managed to protect children from possible harm. This is a safe and secure environment where children can flourish.
- Children who attend this holiday club will enjoy a broad array of toys, activities and play equipment. Staff intend to regularly update and refresh activities to help to create a continually stimulating space. Furthermore, staff plan to adapt games and toys to meet children's differing interests.
- The value of working in partnership with parents is recognised. Staff intend to engage in plenty of open communication with parents and share daily updates about children's experiences. This joined-up approach aims to help children to settle quickly.
- Staff intend to offer an inclusive environment where all children will be welcome and treated equally. They intend to celebrate all children's backgrounds and if necessary, will adapt the environment or service to meet every child's unique needs.
- Leaders understand that regular and extensive training helps to develop staff confidence and skills. They intend to implement a rich programme of training for all staff working at the club, to benefit children through continually improving professional practice.
- Leaders explain how they plan to regularly seek the views of children, incorporating their feedback in the programme of play. This self-evaluation system incorporating the views of children will contribute to a service that reflects the views of those who attend.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY366115
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	10354716
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	32
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Smarties and Smartcare Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP527512
Telephone number	01829 741 608
Date of previous inspection	2 November 2018

Information about this early years setting

Smartcare Holiday Club registered in 2007. Sessions are held each weekday from 8am to 6pm, during school holidays only. The club employs three members of childcare staff. All staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 or above.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Michelle Jacques

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the manager how she intends to organise and deliver daily routines, to ensure children remain occupied and enjoy their time at the club.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the manager and viewed documentation that will be used when caring for children. The inspector considered the suitability checks of all staff working at the club.
- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises used by children and discussed the equipment and toys available.
- The safety and suitability of the environment was considered by the inspector.

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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