

Inspection of Stortford Kidsout (Birchanger)

Birchanger Primary School, Birchwood, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5QL

Inspection date:

9 September 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders understand the importance of working closely with parents. They discuss how parents share details about children's interests and specific needs prior to starting. Staff use this information to ensure that the environment meets the individual needs of all children who attend. Leaders explain the methods used to communicate with parents. They understand how engaging effectively with families supports children's development and well-being.
- Relationships with the host school are strong. Leaders explain how staff work in partnership with class teachers to gather insight into children's time at school. They discuss how this enables staff to provide additional support where necessary.
- Leaders explain how staff support children to develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles. They discuss how children enjoy healthy snacks and have plenty of opportunity for physical activity, both indoors and in the extensive playground area. Leaders explain how children enjoy completing cooking activities with staff, such as making pizzas for their snacks.
- Leaders explain how staff create an inclusive environment for the children who attend. Children celebrate and learn about different cultures within the before- and after-school club. They complete crafts, enjoy trying a variety of foods and explore books to support their understanding of ways of life beyond their own.
- Leaders have effective strategies in place to promote children's behaviour. They explain how the setting adopts a 'buddy' system, where children support one another in the before- and after-school club. Leaders discuss how staff provide opportunities for group play. They acknowledge how this supports children to take turns and cooperate in play.
- Leaders have effective procedures in place to support staff practice. Staff receive regular supervisions and complete additional training courses. This ensures they are well equipped to meet the needs of all children who attend. Leaders have robust recruitment processes in place to support children's safety and well-being.
- Leaders demonstrate extensive safeguarding knowledge. They confidently discuss the signs and symptoms that could indicate a child is at risk from harm. They explain the correct process to follow when reporting safeguarding concerns to the appropriate authority. Staff regularly complete safeguarding and first-aid training to support their knowledge of keeping children safe.

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	EY537294
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10351662
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	5 to 10
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	27
Name of registered person	Davies, Linda Ann
Registered person unique reference number	RP512553
Telephone number	07943209732
Date of previous inspection	4 October 2018

Information about this early years setting

Stortford Kidsout (Birchanger) registered in 2016. They are based at Birchanger C of E Primary School in Birchanger, Essex. The club employs two members of childcare staff, both of whom hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. Sessions are from 7.30am until 9am and from 3pm until 6.30pm, Monday to Friday during term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Antonia Campbell

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- Although there were no children in the early years age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the premises that children have access to.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of all staff.
- The inspector discussed with leaders how they intend to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements of children.

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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