

Inspection of The Star Centre Choices

The Star Centre, St Andrews View, Liverpool, Lancashire L33 1ZF

Inspection date:

17 July 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders monitor the quality of the provision. This is to ensure that staffing levels and the resources and activities offered are developmentally appropriate for children who access the service.
- The premises are well maintained and free from hazards. The staff who work at the setting demonstrate a good understanding of risk assessment. They confidently explain how they plan to take steps to minimise risk to help keep children safe.
- The project coordinator and the manager demonstrate a very strong commitment to working in partnership with parents and other professionals. This is to ensure children's individual care needs and routines are effectively met.
- Supporting children when they start at the setting is a priority for leaders. They plan to gather a range of information from families and other agencies before children start. They intend to access any specialist training that may be required to meet children's individual needs. Settling-in sessions will be provided to enable the children to become familiar with the setting and the staff before they start.
- Through discussion, the project coordinator and the manager demonstrate how they intend to support children's good health. They explain how they plan to provide children with a choice of healthy snacks and opportunities for fresh air and exercise.
- The manager and the staff team demonstrate a good understanding of how they intend to positively support children's behaviour. They plan to ensure they take preventative steps to help children manage their emotions. They intend to discuss strategies with parents and other settings and agencies that are known to the child to help ensure a consistent approach.
- The project coordinator, manager and staff team have a sufficient knowledge of child protection issues. They understand that they must seek help and report any concerns without delay. This includes in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.
- The project coordinator and the manager demonstrate a clear understanding of the records they are required to keep.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of staff employed to work in the setting.

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	2538988
Local authority	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Inspection number	10215299
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Sessional day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	6 to 8
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	Merseyside Youth Association Limited
Registered person unique reference number	2538987
Telephone number	01517020700
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The Star Centre Choices registered in 2019 and is run by a charitable organisation. The setting employs five members of childcare staff. Of these, two staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The setting operates on Sunday during term time, from 10am until 1pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Vickie Halliwell

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.
- The inspector observed the areas of the centre used by the setting.
- The inspector and the manager discussed the activities provided and looked at play materials and equipment available for use.
- The inspector held discussions with the project coordinator, the manager and spoke to staff at appropriate times during the inspection.

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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