

Inspection of Inspired Children's Club - Cherry Orchard Primary School

Cherry Orchard Primary School, Cherry Orchard Road, Birmingham B20 2LB

Inspection date:

5 November 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision does not meet requirements

Children's safety and welfare cannot be assured in this setting. This is because the premises are not kept secure to prevent unwanted visitors from entering or children leaving the premises unescorted. Children are not always adequately supervised. This includes the youngest children and those who need additional support. For instance, without staff's knowledge children play in another room unsupervised. Staff are new to the setting and have not yet received the induction they need to help them fulfil their duties and responsibilities effectively.

However, in general, children are happy attending. They smile at each other and the staff. For example, while playing outdoors, children excitedly run about, roll hoops to each other or play a game of football. Some children engage staff in a chasing game and hide behind each other in an attempt not to be caught. Indoors, staff provide some resources for play. They consider the needs of the youngest children and have made adaptations to the provision to provide a quieter space for them to play so that they do not become overwhelmed. Children enjoy listening to stories and talking with staff about what they think might happen next.

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

- Children are at significant risk because the provider does not ensure that the premises are fully secure. Doors and gates remain open at times, which means children may leave the premises unescorted or unwanted visitors may enter the premises without staff knowledge.
- At times, the arrangements for staff deployment are not effective to ensure that all children, particularly the youngest children, are supervised. For instance, when the youngest children are sent alone to wash their hands in the bathroom, which is along the corridor, they are later found playing alone in another room. This means children are at risk of harm, particularly when also considering the concerns about the security of the premises.
- Most staff are new to the setting and have not yet received the induction they need to ensure they fully understand their roles and can fulfil their duties and responsibilities effectively. The provider has put in place interim support to implement some changes in the setting and to provide the guidance that staff need. However, there has not yet been sufficient time for this support to be effective to embed the required knowledge and understanding.
- The provider has omitted to inform Ofsted of significant events that have occurred in the setting that could potentially have impacted children's health and well-being. This is a requirement of the registration. However, the provider has taken timely and appropriate steps to ensure that staff now hold sufficient details to enable them to provide consistently for children's needs and dietary

requirements.

- Children enjoy their snacks at the club. However, they do wait for long periods to be served by staff. There is scope to revise the arrangements at snack time to provide children with the opportunity to be more independent and access the snack for themselves.
- Children engage in play with the resources on offer. They build structures with wooden blocks and are keen to talk about what they have built with visitors. Others enjoy drawing together with staff and talking about what they are drawing. They smile broadly and say, 'This is for my mummy.' Staff do not currently plan games to engage children in group activities. However, staff do intend to plan a programme of such activities to further children's engagement and enjoyment at the club.
- Children comment that the staff are kind and look after them. This helps children to feel that they are cared for. Children say they can ask the staff for toys they want to play with, and that staff will take these out for them. Some children comment that they like attending, and they especially enjoy playing football with their friends.
- Parents say that, in general, their children enjoy attending. However, some parents express their concerns about the arrangements for snacks and the security of the premises. They comment that there have been changes in the staff team, which has affected the consistency of who they talk to. Parents say they receive daily feedback from staff about their child's time in the club.

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
take effective steps to ensure that the premises are consistently secure to remove the risks of children leaving the premises unescorted and unwanted visitors entering the premises	22/11/2024
improve the deployment of staff to ensure that children are supervised effectively at all times	22/11/2024

ensure the arrangements for staff induction, guidance and professional development are effective to equip all staff to fulfil their roles and responsibilities.	06/12/2024
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Setting details

Unique reference number	2708520
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	10366264
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 10
Total number of places	25
Number of children on roll	50
Name of registered person	Inspired Children's Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	2708519
Telephone number	07824 993 601
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Inspired Children's Club – Cherry Orchard Primary School registered in 2022 and is in Birmingham. The setting provides care for children before and after school from 7.30am to 9am and from 3.20pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. The setting employs four members of childcare staff, of whom, one holds a suitable early years qualification at level 4 and one holds a qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Suzanne Taylor

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed all areas of the premises that are used by the club and discussed how risks are assessed and removed or minimised.
- The inspector spoke to parents at appropriate times and took account of their views of the setting.
- The inspector spoke to children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector held a meeting with a manager and discussed how the setting was organised.
- The inspector reviewed relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of staff working in the setting.

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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