

Inspection of Railway Children Whistle Stop Club

Cortonwood Miners & Community Welfare Scheme, Knollbeck Lane, Brampton,
Barnsley S73 0TU

Inspection date:

17 July 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Managers describe how they will ensure the setting is warm and welcoming for children. They discuss how they will provide children with a safe environment. Managers explain how they will plan activities around a theme and children's interests.
- Managers explain how they will give children the choice to take part in planned activities or an activity of their choice. They understand that sometimes children are tired when they first arrive after a full day at school. Managers describe that they will provide children with a cosy area, where they can relax with their friends or look at book if they do not want to take part in the planned activities.
- Managers discuss how they will have clear rules and boundaries for children's behaviour. They explain how they will support staff to be consistent when supporting children's behaviour. Managers report how unwanted behaviour will be discussed with children and they will be given space to calm down and discuss their feelings. They explain how they will discuss any unwanted behaviour with parents and carers at the end of the session.
- Managers understand the importance of introducing diversity into the setting. They celebrate different religious festivals and learn about different cultures through sharing books and regular discussions. They explain how they will promote fundamental British values in order to prepare children for life in modern Britain.
- Managers understand the importance of working with schools and outside agencies to help children to reach their full potential. They explain that the setting has strong partnerships with parents. Managers describe how staff will pass on messages between parents and the schools.
- Managers explain how staff will provide children with healthy snacks. They describe how staff will educate children on the the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Managers discuss how staff will promote good oral hygiene for children.
- Managers are fully aware of the importance of keeping children safe online. They explain that children at the setting will not have access to devices, but staff will still teach children about safe internet use at home.
- Managers discuss how they will reflect on their practice and take children's opinions into account. They explain how they will have regular staff meetings to discuss how sessions could be improved. Managers describe how staff will ask children which activities they enjoyed and why.

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	2808674
Local authority	Rotherham
Inspection number	10365198
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 12
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	26
Name of registered person	Railway Children Day Care Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901725
Telephone number	07867571700
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Railway Children Whistle Stop Club re-registered in 2024 due to moving premises. The club is located in Barnsley. It employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, two staff hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. The club opens from Monday to Friday, during term time. Sessions are from 7.30am until 8.30am and 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Claire Owen

Inspection activities

- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke to older children, to find out about their time at the setting.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- The inspector spoke with the nominated individual about the leadership and management of the setting.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

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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