

Inspection of Stanway Stars Wrap Around Care

St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, All Saints Way, WEST BROMWICH, West
Midlands B71 1RP

Inspection date: 1 July 2022

The quality and standards of early years provision	This inspection	Met
	Previous inspection	Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The out-of-school club team are all teaching assistants in the school. In discussion, they explain that this means they know the children well and know how to help them practise the skills they are gaining in school. The provider, who is also the manager, says that working in partnership with teachers and parents is very important to meet the needs of children and families.
- The provider and the deputy manager are the designated leads for safeguarding. All staff keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date. They know the signs of abuse and neglect and the referral procedures to follow if they have a concern. Staff are aware of their responsibilities to prevent children being drawn into situations that may put them at risk.
- Systems for assessing the suitability of staff meet requirements. These include recruitment and selection procedures, Disclosure and Barring Service checks, induction procedures and staff supervision meetings.
- The premises are safe and secure, so that children cannot leave unsupervised and unwanted visitors cannot gain access. Staff identify and successfully minimise potential risks, indoors and outdoors.
- In discussion, staff explain how children are made aware of expectations for behaviour. Strategies prioritise positive reinforcement with use of praise to help boost children's self-esteem.
- Staff identify resources and activities that match children's interests and support their learning in school. For example, activities help children to practise writing skills, and physical games and board games support their mathematical learning.
- The provider says that Reception class children settle in well. She says that when the children are due to start school, the school organise a 'stay and play' for the new starters. The club's staff are involved, and the provider talks with parents and the children about the out-of-school provision.
- The provider identifies ways that Reception class children gain confidence to talk about themselves and their families. They initially do this in only a small group, and then in a group with older children as they gain more self-assurance.
- Parents speak highly about the provision. Comments from parents of children who currently are in the Reception class and from parents of older children who attended when they were in Reception include 'The work that they do in club also complements the curriculum' and 'My boy is having extra learning from your structured programme.' Parents also say, 'She adores the teachers who help her thrive when there' and 'The staff are amazing and always make you feel welcome, both parents and children.'

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	EY438832
Local authority	Sandwell
Inspection number	10233801
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 11
Total number of places	26
Number of children on roll	33
Name of registered person	Palmer, Zoe
Registered person unique reference number	RP906352
Telephone number	07816941878
Date of previous inspection	15 September 2016

Information about this early years setting

Stanway Stars Wrap Around Care opened in 2011. It operates from facilities at St. Mary Magdalene Primary School in West Bromwich, West Midlands. The club opens Monday to Friday in term time from 8am to 9am and 3.30pm to 5pm. During school holidays the club operates Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. The club employs four members of staff. Of these, one holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 4, two hold a qualification at level 3 and one holds a qualification at level 2.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jan Burnet

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 viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with the provider about the leadership and management of the setting.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the setting.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.

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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