

The Minster Schools' Children's Club

Warrington Road, Croydon CR0 4BH



Inspection date	19 November 2018
Previous inspection date	12 February 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is good

- The ambitious manager is committed to providing a high quality provision. She is a strong role model and leads by example, working with the children and reviewing the experiences available to them. The club is well organised and staff work very well as a team.
- Children are happy and relaxed in their surroundings. Staff provide plenty of choice and children are excited about the activities on offer, indoors and outdoors.
- Parents provide positive feedback about the club. They praise the professional staff team and the good quality resources and activities available for their children.
- The manager has developed strong partnerships with the host school. For instance, they worked closely together to achieve a gold award for their commitment to stopping bullying and improving the well-being of children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Although partnerships with parents are good, there is scope to strengthen the systems for settling in new children to ensure that their emotional needs are consistently well met.
- Sometimes, staff miss opportunities to support quieter children to help them build confidence.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- develop even further, the systems for working with new parents to enhance the quality of settling in procedures to consistently support all children's emotional needs.
- develop systems in support of working with quieter children more effectively to help build their confidence.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a meeting with the provider. She viewed relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of suitability of staff working in the provision.
- The inspector spoke to children and staff at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed activities indoors and outdoors and assessed the quality of the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector spoke to parents during the inspection, and took account of their views.
- The inspector visited areas of the premises used by the club.

Inspector

Nicola Edwards

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The manager ensures that all staff have a secure knowledge of the potential signs and symptoms of abuse. Staff know their responsibilities to report any concerns about a child's safety or well-being. They recognise and know what to do should a child be at risk from extreme ideas or views. There are robust procedures for recruitment, induction and ongoing training. Staff are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities. The manager is passionate about developing staff's professional knowledge. She has implemented effective systems for peer observation and supervision. Staff are well qualified and regularly attend training to develop the quality of activities and interactions with children further. The manager regularly evaluates the club and is clear of the current strengths and areas of development. She aspires to be outstanding and has established a culture of reflection where staff are passionate about developing their practise.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff offer a good balance of adult-led and child-led activities to children. Staff plan activities and experiences across all areas of learning and build on what children have been learning at school. For instance, children eagerly cut out and decorate their own gingerbread men and are excited to recite familiar lines from the story. Staff encourage all children to access a wide range of good quality resources independently. They praise all children for their achievements. Some children enjoy developing their physical skills as they practice hitting tennis balls with rackets and kicking footballs. Others use their imaginations as they explore their 'garden centre' and build homes for butterflies and insects. Interactions between staff and children are strong. Older children listen carefully to staff's instructions as they take part in group quizzes. They are excited to collaborate as a team to work out the answers to each question.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff are strong role models, they have high expectations of the children and know them well. Children's behaviour is very good, they are kind and respectful to one another. Staff ensure that all areas of the club are safe. They are effectively deployed, children are supervised well and staff ensure that there are good levels of support available. Since the last inspection, the manager and staff have reorganised the club's rooms to help children take ownership and feel more secure. Healthy lifestyles are well promoted. Children are offered healthy and nutritious meals and enjoy daily opportunities to enjoy the fresh air. Staff encourage children to develop their understanding about their wider community. For instance, children enjoy creating colourful art displays to celebrate local events and traditions in their base rooms.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY100681
Local authority	Croydon
Inspection number	10062349
Type of provision	Out-of-school day care
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Age range of children	4 - 11
Total number of places	66
Number of children on roll	165
Name of registered person	The Minster Schools' Children's Club
Registered person unique reference number	RP901937
Date of previous inspection	12 February 2016
Telephone number	02086885844

The Minster Schools' Children's Club registered in 2002. It operates from a building in the grounds of The Minster Schools' in the London Borough of Croydon. The club operates from 7.45am to 9am and from 3pm to 6.15pm during term time. There are 21 members of staff, eleven of whom hold an appropriate qualification.

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