

Inspection of Thumbs Up Club located at Addington School

Addington School, Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, READING RG5 3EU

Inspection date:

14 April 2025

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Leaders explain that the ethos of the club is to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to have fun and develop their social, independence and future life skills. They discuss how, with effective supervision, children are able to move freely around the facilities and make independent choices from the activities available within the inside and outside environments.
- Leaders describe how staff support healthy lifestyles. For example, they encourage children to join in physical activities, such as ball games. In addition, children have access to resources, such as an inflatable obstacle course, ball pits and a variety of scooters and bicycles. Leaders describe how staff have use of specialist equipment and sensitively adapt activities to ensure all children have opportunities to participate.
- Leaders demonstrate how they ensure staff have a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures. They explain how children's safety is their highest priority. They describe how staff use walkie-talkies to communicate, and consistently meet the individual welfare needs of children throughout the day.
- Leaders explain how staff use a range of behaviour management strategies that are specific to the needs of each child. They discuss how staff receive highly effective training, so they can implement these practices to consistently meet the varied needs of the children.
- Leaders discuss the importance of working closely in partnership with parents. They talk about how they seek extensive detailed information, so they can complete an accurate care plan for their child. They explain how staff share information, such as through daily journals, which includes details about their child's specific achievements during the day. This helps to ensure consistency in children's care.
- Leaders explain how they regularly reflect on the club to make improvements. They discuss how staff have daily briefings to ensure they are clear about their roles and have the essential information they need to meet the individual needs of the children in their care group.
- Leaders demonstrate how the good relationships staff have with the on-site school benefits children. For example, they describe how teachers loan staff specific resources that are known to children. This helps support children's language and enables them to communicate their needs in familiar ways.

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	EY401960
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	10391947
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	8 to 19
Total number of places	61
Number of children on roll	35
Name of registered person	Activity Club for Children with Special Needs (Berkshire) Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP520792
Telephone number	0118 966 9073
Date of previous inspection	5 August 2019

Information about this early years setting

Thumbs Up Club located at Addington School began in 2002 and reregistered in 2009. The charity is run by a small committee and is based at Addington School in Woodley, Wokingham. The holiday club operates weeks days, from 9.30am to 4pm, for two weeks in the Easter holidays and four weeks during the summer holidays. The club cares for children from the surrounding area who are four to nineteen years of age with SEND. The club employs thirty four staff, six of whom hold relevant qualifications at level 2 or above. Of these, four are qualified teachers. Most of the remaining staff have experience of working with children with SEND.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jane Franks

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Parents shared their written views of the club.
- The relevant documentation was looked at to demonstrate the suitability of staff.
- The inspector discussed with the managers how they deliver and offer children activities within the inside and outside provision.

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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