

Inspection of 623 Club

Calver Scout Hut, Dukes Drive, Curbar, Derbyshire S32 3YF

Inspection date:

13 September 2023

**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

Leaders do not identify and reduce all risks to effectively safeguard children. For example, all reasonable steps have not been taken to ensure the security of the premises. Leaders have not considered how to organise activities and deploy staff to ensure that children are always safely supervised. They have insufficient knowledge of safer recruitment procedures and have not carried out sufficient checks on all staff to ensure their suitability. That said, children happily arrive at the club. They know the routine well, and confidently place their belongings away before going to play.

Staff provide craft materials to promote children's imagination. Children concentrate as they paint boxes and make their own creations from box modelling items. Children listen to staff as they encourage them to share the resources. Staff encourage children to be physically active. Children eagerly take part in an obstacle course that staff have set up for them. They use their strength to crawl and pull themselves through tunnels. Staff play swing ball with children, encouraging them to take turns. They remind children not to run inside, and explain it is so they do not hurt themselves, this helps children's understanding.

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

- Leaders have not ensured that all access points to the premises are secure. Although they have put some preventative measures in place, these are not effective. For example, a twist lock on the main entrance gate is seen to be easily opened by children. The entrance door to the building is open throughout the session to allow children to freely play between indoors and outdoors. The twist lock leaves children and staff at potential risk from unauthorised visitors. Additionally, there is an increased risk of children being able to leave the setting unaccompanied.
- Children's safety is potentially compromised because staff deployment and the supervision of children is not effective. For instance, children access a free flow of inside and outside activities, however, staff have insufficient oversight of where children are. As such, staff do not ensure that children are always within their sight or hearing. Additionally, leaders do not ensure that children are always accompanied and supervised by staff when travelling on a community vehicle from school to the club.
- Leaders do not have an accurate understanding of safer recruitment procedures. Consequently, at times leaders rely on old Disclosure and Barring Service checks carried out by previous employers to assure themselves of the suitability of staff. This means that some staff who work unsupervised with children have not been suitably checked by leaders.

- Overall, children behave well. However, staff do not always take appropriate steps to ensure that children know certain rules and boundaries. For example, staff identify that some aspects of the outdoor environment are unsafe and out of bounds to children, such as a set of stairs where there is a handrail in disrepair. This boundary is not communicated to children and they access this area throughout the inspection.
- Staff state they are happy in their roles. They regularly discuss activity ideas for the children and any concerns they may have. Leaders regularly check in with staff, however, they acknowledge that there is scope to strengthen this support, as such they have plans to put in place a more structured approach to the support and development of staff.
- Staff ensure that children's dietary requirements are identified and met to support their health and dietary choices. When planning food options, staff check menus from the local schools to ensure that children receive varied and nutritious snacks.
- Parents and carers comment positively about staff and the club. They say that children are always excited to attend and they like that they can mix with various age groups. Staff share information with parents and provide feedback at collection times.
- Staff help children to develop hand-hygiene routines to help to stop the spread of germs and infections. For example, they remind children to wash their hands before eating. Staff ensure that their own hands are clean at appropriate times, such as before preparing food.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

Leaders do not have a good enough understanding of the legal requirements of their registration. Practice and knowledge in relation to safeguarding children is weak. Leaders have not fulfilled their responsibility to ensure the suitability of all staff. Leaders and staff do not take enough action to keep the premises secure. Staff do not recognise and take all reasonable steps to reduce potential risks to children. Staff do not ensure that children are always safely supervised. Nevertheless, staff know how to identify and report child protection concerns. This includes understanding when there may be a need to escalate concerns.

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
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ensure the premises are secure to prevent unauthorised persons from entering and children from leaving the premises unsupervised	04/10/2023
take all reasonable steps to ensure children are not exposed to risks, and ensure that all staff are made aware of and understand risk assessments	04/10/2023
improve staffing arrangements to ensure that children are consistently and safely supervised	04/10/2023
implement effective recruitment procedures with particular regard to Disclosure and Barring Service checks to ensure the suitability of staff who work with or have unsupervised contact with children.	04/10/2023

Setting details

Unique reference number	2653898
Local authority	Derbyshire
Inspection number	10305524
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	27
Number of children on roll	43
Name of registered person	The 623 Out of School Club Committee
Registered person unique reference number	RP522916
Telephone number	07512686664
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

623 Club registered in 2021 and is located in Calver, Hope Valley. The club employs five members of staff, two of whom hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The club is open Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.30am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm, during term time and 8.30am to 6pm during some school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Mel Walker

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 observed interactions between the staff and the children.
- Parents' and carers' views were taken into consideration.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of people working with children.

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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