

Inspection of Springers - Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club

Lodge Farm Primary School, Mobbsbury Way, STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire SG2 0HP

Inspection date:

16 October 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The staff team are clear about what children need when they attend the club. Staff explain that they offer a range of recreational activities that allow children to have fun in a safe environment. Staff describe their interactions with children, emphasising the importance of children feeling confident and secure. Staff explain that their work at the club and school helps them to establish good relationships with the children, parents and teachers. Staff have suitable knowledge and experience and there is an open and positive culture around safeguarding.
- Staff explain the procedures they use for ensuring children's safety. They keep accurate records of attendance. Staff complete risk assessments and involve children in developing their awareness of risks and how to keep themselves safe. They encourage children to take care of their belongings and of club resources.
- Staff explain how they involve children in the club. Children are invited to assist staff in setting up the activities. They are also encouraged to support staff with planning experiences. This includes day-to-day experiences, such as craft activities and for special events such as fireworks and Halloween, that fit with the half-term holiday club. There is also great enthusiasm for the plans for the Christmas club.
- Staff describe their expectations for children's behaviour. They talk to children about the importance of listening and paying attention, making it clear that sensible behaviour is essential for their safety and well-being. Staff have creative ways of helping children to develop their understanding of listening and paying attention. They use games such as 'Simon says', where children have to listen attentively and watch closely the actions of others so that they can copy and stay in the game.
- Staff gather information from parents about children's needs. They use this to create additional care plans, when needed. Staff support children with medical needs and are careful to meet dietary requirements. Parents and staff value the effective communication.
- Staff explain how they support the early years children to integrate into the club. They organise sessions so that children have some time with children of their own age to avoid them feeling overwhelmed or for safety issues. For example, staff explain how they divide children into groups for some ball games to ensure younger and smaller children are able to participate safely. Nevertheless, children are encouraged to mix. Staff explain how they support children to make friends at the club and for older children to be a buddy to younger children, to help them to enjoy all that the club has to offer.

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	EY402797
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10364997
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 10
Total number of places	75
Number of children on roll	145
Name of registered person	Springers Club Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP535316
Telephone number	07859 915985
Date of previous inspection	6 December 2018

Information about this early years setting

Springers - Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club registered in 2010. The club employs seven members of childcare staff, four of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and 3. The club opens during term time, Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 7.30am to 8.50am and from 3.15pm to 6.15pm term time. In the school holidays, the club opens from 7.30am to 6.15pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Alison Reeves

Inspection activities

- Although there were no children in the early years age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the school used by the club. The provider explained how the club is organised to meet the needs of the children who attend.
- The inspector and the staff discussed the activities and experiences provided for children at the club.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documents. This included evidence about the suitability of staff working with the children.
- Parents' views were taken into account. The inspector spoke to parents whose children attend the club.

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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