

Inspection of Footprints@kingskids

Kings Meadow Cp School, Meadow Lane, Southport, Lancashire PR8 3RS

Inspection date:

4 July 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The management team and staff show a good understanding of their responsibility to keep children safe. They attend regular child protection training to help keep their safeguarding knowledge up to date. Staff have a good understanding of identifying and responding to safeguarding concerns. Good recruitment procedures and rigorous background checks ensure that children are always cared for by suitable staff. Staff assess risks effectively and prepare activities, which are suitable and safe for children.
- Staff know how important it is to promote children's good health and well-being. They provide healthy snacks and make sure that fresh fruit and vegetables are always available. Staff explain how children have opportunities to get lots of fresh air and physical exercise.
- The management team understand the importance of good parent partnerships. They gather key information about children's care needs and interests before they start. This information is used to plan familiar daily routines and play equipment to help children settle in. They provide parents with information about their child's day and snacks they have eaten as well as information to support their children at home.
- The manager shares the arrangements she has in place to evaluate the quality of the setting. Staff work closely with the host school and links to children's current learning. The manager gathers the views of staff, parents, children and other professionals, to help maintain a good quality service.
- Staff plan around what children are learning or celebrating in school and extend those activities into the club. However, there are too few resources and images around the club which promote equality and diversity in order to prepare children for modern life in Britain.
- The club is an important part of the local community, and has been for many years. Links with the school that children attend support children's continuity of care, during the settling-in period and throughout their time at the club. Staff plan activities using the same themes as the school. Parents cannot praise the club highly enough. They say that their children 'love it' and that their 'confidence has grown so much'. Parents comment that the staff are very much 'part of the family' and are 'warm and nurturing'. Parents value the communication which keeps them well informed about their children's time at the club.
- Staff morale is good and the team is long established. Staff report that they work together very well in a close-knit team. They say that they have 'great joy' by coming to work. The well-being of staff is important to leaders, who provide staff with effective support.
- The leadership and management team is experienced and well organised. Statutory training is up to date for all staff. Staff are supported to extend their knowledge through additional training and mentoring. This has a positive impact on their practice and the provision for 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	EY562283
Local authority	Sefton
Inspection number	10190906
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	3 to 11
Total number of places	20
Number of children on roll	100
Name of registered person	First Steps Enterprise Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP558803
Telephone number	0151 665 0160
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Footprints@kingskids registered in 2018 and operates from Kings Meadow Primary School in Ainsdale, Southport. The club employs two members of childcare staff. The club is open from 3.15pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emma Wakefield

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 provider took the inspector on a tour of the setting and held leadership and management discussions with the inspector throughout the afternoon.
- Staff, parents and older children attending all shared their feedback about the club and the provider, which the inspector took into account.
- Relevant documentation was scrutinised, including any documents collected to ascertain the suitability of staff, first-aid certificates and other training certificates.

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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