

Inspection of Lifelong Family Links

1 Barstow Crescent, LONDON SW2 3NS

Inspection date:

28 October 2021

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Managers follow the safeguarding procedures effectively. They work with other agencies to share relevant information to promote children and young people's welfare. Managers have successfully addressed actions raised at the last inspection. Robust systems are now in place to ensure the ongoing suitability of staff to work with children. For example, through vetting checks and regular supervision meetings held with staff.
- Managers work closely with parents and other agencies to plan each holiday club and the after-school service. They carefully consider staffing ratios and the level of support needed to meet the needs of all children who attend. Good systems are in place to ensure children's individual healthcare and dietary needs are known and respected.
- All children and young people who attend the club have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff carefully plan each session, so that the activities and projects support children's learning needs effectively. Staff place a strong emphasis on developing children's and young people's independence, social skills, and communication skills. They encourage children to make choices during play and join in group activities, such as circle times, where they discuss their club rules, listen to stories and sing songs. As a result, children are well behaved and purposefully engaged in activities.
- Managers show a strong commitment to ensure funding is used specifically for each project, such as independence skills, health and well-being, life skills, and sports and fitness. They continuously monitor the impact on children's development and well-being.
- Managers have effective systems in place to evaluate the quality of the service. They complete quality assurance accreditation schemes and actively seek the views of children, young people, parents and staff. They use this information to plan future activities and make improvements. They accurately identify areas that require further development. For example, higher fencing and more resources in the outdoor area, to further develop children's physical skills.
- Staff complete risk assessments to ensure the premises is safe and secure. They help children and young people gain awareness of keeping themselves safe, including online safety.
- Children and young people have attended the club for many years. This enables them to build strong friendships with their peers and secure relationships with staff. All required documentation is in place. Staff ensure all records about the children who attend are accurately maintained to safeguard their welfare effectively.

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	EY371947
Local authority	Lambeth
Inspection number	10193042
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	8 to 31
Total number of places	24
Number of children on roll	120
Name of registered person	Lifelong Family Links
Registered person unique reference number	RP528003
Telephone number	02086 718939
Date of previous inspection	5 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

Lifelong Family Links registered in 2008 and is situated in the London Borough of Lambeth. The after-school club operates Monday to Thursday between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. The holiday playscheme operates on various days and times during school holidays. The Saturday club opens from 10am to 1pm. There is a team of 18 staff, including the manager and administrators. All staff are trained and experienced in working with children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Five staff hold relevant childcare qualifications.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jo Geoghegan

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 and manager completed a learning walk of the setting and discussed the range of activities provided.
- The inspector spoke to staff about their roles and responsibilities and how they support children's learning
- A range of required documentation was reviewed, including staff suitability checks.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager at appropriate times and assessed the effectiveness of the self-evaluation process.

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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