

# Corals Health and Fitness Club Crèche

Inspection report for early years provision

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## ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

### The key inspection judgements and what they mean

*Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality*

*Good: this aspect of the provision is strong*

*Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound*

*Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough*

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## THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Corals Health & Fitness Club Crèche has been registered since 1998. It is owned by Coral Stadia Limited and operates from rooms within the Corals Health and Fitness Centre in Hove near Brighton. A maximum of 12 children may attend at any one time aged 0 to 8 years and there are currently 30 children on roll. The crèche opens 09.00 until 12.15 and 13.00 until 15.15 Monday to Friday and Saturday 09.00 until 12.15. Older children have access to a separate activity room. The setting is open to children with learning disabilities and children with English as an additional language. There is a staff team of five and three have recognised early years qualifications.

### THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

#### Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy and active through staff following clear procedures to support their healthy development. Clear adult support and guidance helps children gain an understanding of hygiene and independent toilet use. Children throughout the age range are given support and encouragement to explore resources and develop healthily. Children have a range of physical

games and activities such as balancing and climbing, music and group games with staff. Children also have access to drinks and a range of healthy snacks. Staff are positive in supporting children's healthy growth and development.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are protected from accidents and harm by close staff supervision and a range of appropriate safety procedures. Written risk assessments and clear staff guidance also contribute to children's safety. Staff ensure children move safely around the setting and children are encouraged to play safely together. An organised range of appropriate play and learning resources are available for all children to explore. Messy-play, role-play and sensory resources for younger children are all present and appropriately organised. Children with disabilities can also be safely included. Children are safeguarded by staff with a clear awareness of child protection procedures.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children over a wide age range engage in organised and appropriate play activities. Planned play themes help children learn about shapes, numbers and to explore assembly materials. Children have access to a range of books and explore mark-making and recognising words. Children enjoy art-crafts and creative activities and are encouraged to create their own games and role-play. Children of all ages enjoy an appropriate range of activities organised to encourage their physical development and confidence. Staff work closely with individual children to support their play and help them enjoy their time at the setting.

### **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are encouraged to join-in and play co-operatively at the setting. Children's behaviour is appropriately managed and staff encourage children to help and share, which fosters their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Children respond positively to prompts to care for their surroundings, resources and each other. Staff take care to develop children's involvement in the group and children have a range of opportunities to learn about the wider world. Staff are supportive of parents, providing clear information on their children's care and the setting's play themes and activities.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children enjoy an organised play and learning environment. An appropriate range of play activities is provided to support younger children's development, with a range of suitably organised learning opportunities also in place for older children. A sufficient supply of play and learning resources supports all children in having fun, being expressive and learning new skills. A suitably trained staff team are in place and all record keeping is up-to-date and appropriately maintained. The setting also has clearly organised policy documentation. The setting meets the needs of the range of children attending.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

Since the last inspection the setting has introduced a visitors book and more regular hand washing routines, improving outcomes for children in Staying Safe and Being Healthy

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

Since the last inspection there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action to meet the National Standards.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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### **WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?**

#### **The quality and standards of the care**

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure children have access to liquid soap for hand washing
- ensure all furniture and equipment used by children is in working order

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