



Havant Leisure Centre Creche and Kids Club

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 good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. Ofsted judges that the provider remains suitable to provide care.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Horizon Leisure Trust runs Havant Leisure Centre Crèche and Krazy Kidz Klub Playscheme. The crèche has been open for approximately 23 years and the playscheme has been registered since 2000. They operate from various designated areas within Havant Leisure Centre, Havant, Hampshire. The crèche serves a wide area of towns and villages within a 20 mile radius of the leisure centre. It is available to anyone with a child under 6 years using the sport and leisure facilities. The

playscheme serves families in the immediate local area and surrounding villages.

The crèche is registered for a maximum of 12 children under 6 years of age at any one time. There are currently approximately 400 children, from 3 months to 5 years on the roll. The playscheme is registered for a maximum of 20 children from 5 years to under 8 years at any one time and it is the scheme's policy to accept children up to 13 years of age. The number of children on roll varies. Children attend a variety of sessions. The registration does not include overnight care.

The crèche opens from 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year. Children may attend for up to two hours, whilst their parent or carer uses the facilities at the Leisure Centre.

The playscheme opens from 08:30 to 17:30, Monday to Friday during school holidays, excluding Christmas and Bank Holidays. Children may also attend for sessional care from 10:00 until 12:00 or from 14:00 until 16:00.

3 part-time staff work with the children in the crèche, all of whom have early years qualifications. 12 part-time staff work with the children in the playscheme, with a variety of qualifications suited to sport related activities.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a warm, clean centre and they show a good understanding of the importance of good hygiene. Children discussed how they need to wash their hands before meals and after using the toilet, killing germs and keeping themselves healthy.

In both schemes, all relevant records are kept and shared with parents. Most members of staff in the playscheme and all staff in the crèche have current first aid certificates. All staff have a good understanding of first aid.

In the playscheme, some parents use the choice of meals cooked in the Leisure Centre café for their children, which offers a variety of healthy and popular meals. The rest of the children bring their own packed lunches and all parents are to provide an ice pack in their child's lunch, helping to keep children healthy. In the crèche, parents provide food and drink for their own children, which staff heat and store according to their wishes, ensuring the best care for the children.

Children attending the playscheme do not have access to outside play but a variety of physical activities are available, including swimming, different team games, trampoline and many different sports, thus contributing to a healthy lifestyle. Younger children have some large activity toys, giving them opportunity for physical exercise.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

The children are cared for in a welcoming and safe environment. Space is organised extremely well and children can play and move about freely, gaining independence and confidence.

The thorough supervision of the staff keeps the children safe and they take excellent steps to minimise risks, ensuring children's safety. Qualified members of staff check all equipment regularly. Effective systems are in place for the safe arrival and collection of children; written procedures are in place outlining arrangements for collection.

Children who go swimming have two distinctive individual wristbands; one to show they are playscheme children and one to denote their swimming ability. There are always 3 members of staff in the water with them and one on the pool side, along with the Leisure Centre lifeguards ensuring the children's safety.

The supervisors of both groups have excellent knowledge and understanding of their roles in child protection, although the overall decision about any concerns is the responsibility of the Leisure Centre supervisor. The group supervisors are able to put appropriate procedures into practice, supported by effective policies and procedures, thus keeping children safe.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

The staff members build very good relationships with all the children and have a sound understanding of them. The children are occupied and interested at all times; they develop at their own level, supported when needed, enabling them to reach their full potential. Children are confident and relaxed and approach staff members for support. The playscheme has a wide variety of art and craft and sports resources for children to play with, encouraging imagination and social skills. The crèche has an extensive range of toys and activities for all ages up to 6 years, which children can access independently, encouraging imagination.

Children enjoy coming to the playscheme, making comments like: "fabulous"; "great fun"; "I really enjoy all of it"; "the best playscheme I have ever been to".

Activities are adapted to meet individual children's needs wherever possible, making it a fun time where they can all join in.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

The supervisors both ensure that all children are valued and treated as individuals, making them feel valued, important and good about themselves. They are

encouraged to acknowledge and recognise differences and similarities in others, developing self-esteem and respect for others. Children develop a positive view of the world around them through a range of resources and activities. Activities are adapted so that all children can join in and be fully involved with the other children, encouraging them to feel safe and secure. The children behave well, with staff members using praise and encouragement to encourage good behaviour and make children feel good about themselves.

The supervisors recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents, in order to meet the needs of individual children and ensure continuity. Parents receive information on activities that the groups offer, and a copy of the terms and conditions, policies, procedures and other relevant information, when they book a place for their child on the playscheme or in the crèche.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The supervisor and staff of the crèche all have suitable childcare qualifications. The supervisor of the play scheme is on a suitable childcare course and most of the staff have experience of caring for children and sports qualifications. The provider ensures all staff have a current Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check and further checks, as required, are sought from Ofsted.

Good use of space and resources allows children to become involved in and enjoy active play, feeling settled and fully occupied with a wide range of activities.

The groups share all documentation with parents, contributing to continuity of care for the children and keeping them safe and secure. Children enjoy their time at the playscheme and the crèche, with resources and activities being planned well and therefore providing stimulating challenges and meeting the children's needs. The provisions meet the needs of the range of the children for whom they provide.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last Children Act inspection the playscheme was asked to;

Develop an action plan that sets out how staff training and qualification requirements will be met.

- This has resulted in the leader undertaking a NVQ3 course, gaining more understanding of children's needs. Most of the other members of staff have sports related qualifications.

Ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice.

- The group are now including activities reflecting equal opportunities using arts and crafts and their themes for the week, giving children more knowledge and

understanding of the world around us. Children make their own choices about their activity.

Improve resources to ensure children are able to take part in a wide range of stimulating activities and play opportunities.

- The play scheme have included several other activities in their provision, giving the children more variety and choice, including physical exercise such as swimming, trampoline and team games, or quieter activities such as arts and crafts, hammer beads and card games, giving the children the opportunity of choice.

Ensure that regular fire practices are carried out with the children in the play scheme.

- Fire evacuation practices are carried out in line with the Leisure Centre evacuation programme. All children know procedures when asked.

Provide an area for quiet rest in the play scheme / ensure children have access to areas and resources to enable them to play quietly or rest.

- The scheme offers a variety of activities to suit children's needs, allowing them to take time out if they require it.

Make sure children are grouped appropriately and allocated a key member of staff who is responsible for them on a daily basis.

- Children are grouped appropriately according to the activities they choose and a responsible person is allocated to the different groups each day.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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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 all staff have DC2 and CRB checks completed and ensure they are followed up

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