

# Camp Adventure @ Northcroft Leisure

Inspection report for early years provision

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## Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

There were no children on roll 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 children on roll, 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 if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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## Description of the setting

Camp Adventure is situated within the Northcroft Leisure Centre which is one of several leisure centres run by Parkwood Leisure. It was registered in 2005. It is within walking distance of Newbury Town Centre with two facilities for children operating under this registration. Camp Adventure is open from 8.30am until 5.50pm during holiday times only, offering full day, morning and afternoon sessions. The crèche provides sessional care for up to 12 children aged under five years and is open weekdays from 9am to 12.00 noon and 9am to 3.30pm on Fridays. The camp has use of an outside playing field and a variety of sports facilities, including a swimming pool.

Camp Adventure is registered on the Early Years Register, and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of 50 children under eight may attend the play scheme at any one time. There are currently 24 children aged from five to under eight years on roll, some in part-time places. The scheme also caters for older children. Camp Adventure currently supports a number of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. There were no children in the early years age range on roll at the time of the inspection.

There are nine members of staff, five of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications to at least NVQ level 2 or 3. All staff hold a first aid qualification.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The setting meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The management and staff team have a sound understanding of how to safeguard children. They have policies and procedures in place, which include possible symptoms of abuse and how to discuss and refer concerns. They discuss and make available their safeguarding responsibilities with parents and ensure that all staff members have appropriate background checks.

On the whole the setting have an overall risk assessment which fully covers all areas of the site used, however, this requires adjustment to fully encompass the requirement, as the group have not as of yet fully considered their varying base rooms, although these are covered in the site's assessments. The setting have a firm understanding of the need to maintain children's good health and has suitable policies in place. Since the last visit, the setting have made a sound amount of improvements, this is reflected within the activities that they offer and ratio of qualified staff.

The staff promote children's good health through the understanding of what constitutes a healthy diet; they offer cooked or cold meals from the canteen and provide a wide range of physical activities, such as playing on the bouncy castle and trampoline, and swimming. Staff plan the children's day so that they have a balance of energetic and quieter activities, these are well rotated to ensure that the children receive a wide experience, in addition the children have access to self-select from the activities cupboard during the day. Parents have a copy of all

policies and procedures and these are clearly displayed within the base room. This includes the sickness policy, which as a result enables the parents to be clear about when to keep their children at home, to minimise the spread of infection.

The staff have a sound understanding of the need to work with other professionals and maintain a professional relationship with parents. They have suitable documentation to meet the needs of the children and have local support from the authority on meeting the needs of children with special needs. This, compiled with the individual registration information, enables the staff to meet all children's developmental, health and care needs which enables them to have a fulfilling day whilst attending the club. The setting have a complaints record in place and understand the need to share this with parents although further details are required to ensure this fully meets the requirements, for example, by expanding the contact details of the regulator to include the full address, this will enable the parents to have a clear understanding who to contact if they need too.

The management have addressed recommendations from the last inspection suitably. They show a commitment to maintaining and further improving the provision to further support the needs of the children.

## **Compliance with registration requirements**

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are: Met

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met