



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 23/04/2003  
Inspector Name Elizabeth Juon

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care  
Setting Name Barracudas  
Setting Address Holt Lane  
Wokingham  
Berkshire  
RG41 1EE

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Young World Leisure Group Trading as Barracudas

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Young World Leisure Group Trading as Barracudas  
Address Hutton Manor, 428 Rayleigh Road  
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## ABOUT THE INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality and standard of day care. When making judgements, inspectors have regard to how well the provider meets the National Standards for under Eights Day Care and Childminding. A list of these is attached. The report identifies strengths and areas for improvement.

This inspection report must be made available to all parents.

### Information about the setting

Barracudas is a large national organisation which runs Holiday Schemes around the country during the Easter and Summer school holidays. It is currently running at The Holt School in Wokingham during Easter breaks only and opens between 8.30a.m. and 5 p.m.

It is registered for 150 children aged from 5 ( to include 4 year olds that attend full-time education) and accepts children upto 14 years The children are grouped according to age, 5 - 8 years, 8- 11 years, 11 - 14 years. The scheme is largely sport based with some specialist instructors however children also participate in art/craft and music/drama activities. The staff team usually have a relevant instructors qualification, a teaching qualification or are studying on teacher training courses. There are always first aid trained staff on site. The Holt School is a large independent Girls school on the outskirts of Wokingham. Barracudas have the use of a number of classrooms, the gym, hall, sports hall, craft room and the playing fields.

### How good is the Day Care?

Barracudas Out of School Play Scheme is offering a satisfactory standard of care. The play scheme offers children the opportunity to participate in a wide range of interesting and fun sport activities balanced with a choice of art,craft and music and drama sessions.

The carefully planned programme gives the children a variety of choice. The staff team offer a friendly welcome to parents and children. The staff and parents exchange information each day about the children's activities and achievements. There is an information notice-board in the entrance and parents have access to all the policies and procedures. The staff have a consistent approach to managing the children's behaviour and offer praise and encouragement to the children. The children are generally well behaved and the staff act as good role models. Comprehensive policies and procedures are in place to safeguard the children. The staff make sure the children understand about safety around the school site. However the fire safety procedures were not displayed to be easily seen and it has been recommended that this is rectified. There are consistent routines to give the children the opportunity to eat and rest. It has been recommended that by the time of the next playscheme the staff leader working with children aged under 8 years will have an appropriate early years qualification. All the relevant paperwork is in place

ensuring hazards are minimised. The group intend to improve the system of communication between staff when supervising group activities so help can be sought quickly if needed.

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

At last inspection no actions or recommendations were made

#### **What is being done well?**

- The play scheme has a wide range of good quality equipment which is used to offer stimulating and exciting activities
- The staff act as good role models and good behaviour is valued and encouraged.

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- the display of the fire procedures so that they can be easily seen;
- the staff member co-ordinating the children under 8 years has an appropriate early years qualification and experience;
- the method of communication between the staff should be improved so that support can be easily sought;

#### **Outcome of the inspection**

Satisfactory

#### **CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION**

*All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.*

*As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.*

#### **WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?**

#### **The Registered Person must take the following actions by the date shown**

Std	Action	Date
6	meet any recommendations made by the Fire Safety Officer (in this case a statement of procedures to be followed in the event of a fire)	01/03/2003

**The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection**

Std	Recommendation
2	ensure the group co-ordinator for the 5-8 year olds has a relevant early years qualification and experience of working with children aged under 8 years.
6	improve communication between staff members so that there is quick access to each other at all times.

## **SUMMARY OF NATIONAL STANDARDS**

### **STANDARD 1 - SUITABLE PERSON**

*Adults providing day care, looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so.*

### **STANDARD 2 - ORGANISATION**

*The registered person meets required adult: child ratios, ensures that training and qualifications requirements are met and organises space and resources to meet the children's needs effectively.*

### **STANDARD 3 - CARE, LEARNING AND PLAY**

*The registered person meets children's individual needs and promotes their welfare. They plan and provide activities and play opportunities to develop children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities.*

### **STANDARD 4 - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

*The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. They provide adequate space in an appropriate location, are welcoming to children and offer access to the necessary facilities for a range of activities which promote their development.*

### **STANDARD 5 - EQUIPMENT**

*Furniture, equipment and toys are provided which are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment. They are of suitable design and condition, well maintained and conform to safety standards.*

### **STANDARD 6 - SAFETY**

*The registered person takes positive steps to promote safety within the setting and on outings and ensures proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents.*

### **STANDARD 7 - HEALTH**

*The registered person promotes the good health of children and takes positive steps to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures when they are ill.*

### **STANDARD 8 - FOOD AND DRINK**

*Children are provided with regular drinks and food in adequate quantities for their needs. Food and drink is properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements.*

### **STANDARD 9 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

*The registered person and staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.*

### **STANDARD 10 - SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)**

*The registered person is aware that some children may have special needs and is*

*proactive in ensuring that appropriate action can be taken when such a child is identified or admitted to the provision. Steps are taken to promote the welfare and development of the child within the setting in partnership with the parents and other relevant parties.*

#### **STANDARD 11 - BEHAVIOUR**

*Adults caring for children in the provision are able to manage a wide range of children's behaviour in a way which promotes their welfare and development.*

#### **STANDARD 12 - WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS**

*The registered person and staff work in partnership with parents and to meet the needs of the children, both individually and as a group. Information is shared.*

#### **STANDARD 13 - CHILD PROTECTION**

*The registered person complies with local child protection procedures approved by the Area Child Protection Committee and ensures that all adults working and looking after children in the provision are able to put the procedures into practice.*

#### **STANDARD 14 - DOCUMENTATION**

*Records, policies and procedures which are required for the efficient and safe management of the provision, or to promote the welfare, care and learning of children are maintained. Records about individual children are shared with the child's parent.*