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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/08/2003
Inspector Name Lesley Gadd

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Barracuda's Summer Activity Camp
Setting Address 95 Newmarket Road
Norwich
Norfolk
NR2 2HU

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Barracuda's

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Barracuda's
Address Young World Leisure Group Ltd
Bridge House, 23 Bridge Street
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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

The Young World Leisure Group provides a range of Barracuda Activity Day Camps at many different venues. The Norfolk camp is run from the Norwich High School for the first four weeks of the summer holidays.

Up to 150 children, aged between 5 to under 14 years attend the camp. Activities run from 09.30 until 16.30. The camp opens for registration from 08.45 and collection is until 17.15. There is also an extended day club which parents can book, and this is open from 08.00 until 18.00.

Several of the staff are qualified teachers, others hold sports related or childcare qualifications. The company has also trained a range of staff through its in house service programme to enable the safe presentation of courses in archery, fencing, motor sports and trampolining.

How good is the Day Care?

Barracudas Summer Activity Camp provides good quality care for children aged four to under eight years.

The scheme manager and staff are well qualified to work with children and organise themselves effectively to ensure children have good support and feel secure. Good record systems enable the scheme to run efficiently and provide reassurance to parents.

Staff show a good awareness of children's safety. They identify possible hazards and take necessary precautions to ensure children can play safely inside and outside. Good hygiene practices, encouragement of healthy eating and an identified first aid room promotes children's health and prevents the spread of infection.

The staff have warm relationships with the children, making time to listen and talk with them. The camp provides an excellent range of age appropriate activities which encourage children's skills and development. Children are happy and settled. Activities are adapted to ensure children of all abilities can participate and be included.

The partnership with parents is mainly good, however additional opportunities for parents to share information would aid the club in working more closely with parents to meet children's needs.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection Barracudas was asked to update contact details for complaints and to ensure policies reflected local child protection procedures.

Ofsted contact details are recorded in the club brochure. The staff training manual now details procedures for staff to share concerns regarding child protection, if needed.

What is being done well?

- Staff work well as a team. Several of the staff are qualified teachers, others hold sports related or childcare qualifications. This alongside effective organisation of resources and space ensures children are confident and settled.
- Detailed record systems support the successful management of the camp ensuring children's needs are met and providing reassurance to parents.
- Staff pay good attention to health and safety matters. Comprehensive accident prevention procedures ensure high standards of safety are promoted and risks to children are minimised.
- A child centred environment with good facilities is provided. This is welcoming for the children and helps them to settle well. Staff plan activities to make good use of the premises and resources to meet all children's needs.

An aspect of outstanding practice:

Staff have excellent relationships with the children; they are actively involved in children's play and respond well to children's requests. A well planned and varied programme of activities ensures children have a fun time and enjoy stimulating experiences to develop their confidence and skills.

What needs to be improved?

- arrangements for working in partnership with parents.

Outcome of the inspection

Good

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 should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
12	provide additional opportunities for parents to be welcomed into the setting and develop a two way flow of information, knowledge and expertise

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.