

Pent Valley Leisure Centre

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Childcare - Non-Domestic

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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

Pent Valley Leisure Centre holiday club is part of Pent Valley Technical College facilities. The club opened in 2006. It operates from the main sports hall and a dance studio of the Valley Leisure Centre. It uses the college and leisure club's outdoor facilities. It is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is registered to care for 75 children aged under eight years, 10 of whom may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children in the early years age range on role. The setting opens in the school holidays from 9am to 5pm. The club supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The staffing changes according to the number of children attending. The supervisor holds an early years qualification.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Discussion with the manager and observation of the premises show that a high regard is given to children's safety. Staff have a secure understanding of safeguarding issues. The record of risk assessments shows that potential hazards are noted and appropriate action is taken to keep children safe. Documentation shows that staff are suitably vetted and the manager explains appropriate induction and supervision processes. There is always a first aider on the premises who can be contacted by radio in an emergency. The supervisor has a relevant childcare qualification but other staff only hold sports qualifications. This is a breach of requirements since at least half of all other staff must hold a relevant childcare qualification.

The setting is fully inclusive, and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities are welcomed. Staff discuss how they would adapt activities so that all children can join in and how all children's input is valued. They have a secure understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. They are aware that activities provided by the holiday club should complement the more structured time spent in school. They recognise the importance of finding out children's interests and giving them choices of activities. There is a suitable range of resources. The main focus of the club is sports and games, so children have a variety of opportunities to develop and practice physical skills.

Parents have daily opportunities to discuss their children with staff and have access to the setting's policies and procedures. Staff have systems in place to work in partnership with other settings. The club has made some improvements since the last inspection. For example, all staff now have safeguarding children training. The recommendations set at the last inspection have been addressed which shows a willingness to improve. Systems are in place to evaluate the quality of the provision.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure that half of all staff, other than supervisors and managers, hold a full and relevant level 2 qualification (Suitable people) 11/06/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- ensure that at least half of all persons caring for children have successfully completed a qualification at a minimum of level 2 in a relevant area of work (Qualifications and training) . 11/06/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- ensure that at least half of all persons caring for children have successfully completed a qualification at a minimum of level 2 in a relevant area of work (Qualifications and training) . 19/04/2012