

Poolside Manor Camps

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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

Poolside Manor Camp is one of three privately run settings. It was originally registered in July 1994 and was re-registered in 2006 due to a change in management. It is situated in Finchley in the London Borough of Barnet. The play scheme operates from Poolside Manor swimming and activity club. Children have access to an activity room and the coffee bar. They also access squash, tennis courts, Christ College playing fields and a cricket pavilion across the road from the premises. The play scheme has a swimming pool on site, which children use as part of the activities.

The play scheme is registered on the Early Years Register and the and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of 40 children may attend aged from three to eight years and of these, not more than 10 may be under four years. The play scheme operates during school holidays from Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. The play scheme supports children learning English as an additional language and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The play scheme is a member of the British Activity Holiday Association (BAHA). There were no children on roll at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The provider has clear procedures to follow in case they have concerns about a child's welfare. The provider demonstrates an effective understanding of how to safeguard children and regularly updates his safeguarding knowledge. He describes effective systems for ensuring that all staff clearly understand their procedure for reporting child protection concerns. The provider explains how they provide consistent risk assessments for the premises and individual outings. He expresses a firm commitment to ensuring children's safety both on and off the premises. The provider successfully demonstrates a commitment to ensuring children's health is protected and that a good ratio of staff are qualified to administer first aid. Senior management regularly deliver first aid training courses at the premises.

The provider demonstrates a clear commitment to making continuous improvements to their service through self-evaluation and training. Recommendations set at the last inspection have been addressed. The provider expresses enthusiasm and a good capacity for maintaining continuous improvements.

The provider has a competent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. He describes how they plan and provide a well-balanced program of activities based on children's individual needs and interests. The provider describes their effective procedure for ensuring they have all the relevant information from parents in order to meet children's individual needs. He demonstrates a firm commitment to working in partnership with parents, carers and outside agencies to promote children's development and welfare.

The provider describes their effective practices to promote inclusion and to value children's diverse backgrounds. He describes their experience of successfully supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and for children speaking English as an additional language.

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