

The White Horse Leisure & Tennis Centre

Audlett Drive, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3PJ



Inspection date

16 February 2015

Previous inspection date

12 April 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Good	2
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children enjoy a large variety of exciting play opportunities and activities. The well-planned day keeps them excited, engaged and active.
- Children of all ages play well together. Older children are positive role models for younger children. They support each other and enjoy each other's company.
- Children are given good opportunities to speak and share their ideas about what the club should include. This makes them feel empowered and helps develop positive self-esteem.
- Staff deploy themselves well throughout the club. This ensures all children are fully supported and engaged in activities. As a result, their behaviour is excellent.
- The club is well resourced. There is a large variety of equipment, resources and toys that support children's play.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children use antibacterial hand gel at snack time, rather than running water and soap to clean their hands. This means staff do not always reinforce good hygiene practices as children cannot effectively remove paint and dirt before eating.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- encourage children's understanding of personal hygiene practices consistently during daily routines.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children at play and staff interactions with them.
- The inspector sampled documents including policies, registers, risk assessments and safeguarding documentation.
- The inspector spoke with the manager, staff and children at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector and manager conducted a joint observation.
- The inspector took account of parent's views through email feedback and questionnaire responses.

Inspector

Natasha Crellin

Inspection findings

How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This is good

Children have free access to a large amount of toys and resources. This encourages them to choose games and activities that interest them. Children develop their physical fitness and coordination as they swim, play badminton, practise football and learn team games, such as the parachute. Vigorous physical play allows children to take safe risks and grow confident in their abilities. They are active, confident and happy. Children can also do quieter activities, such as play board games, or paint and make craft activities using a variety of materials. Children enjoy special trips to farms and other areas of interest. They also have many specialist visitors that support children to learn new talents, such as martial arts and circus skills. This means children are excited and motivated to try new things and they gain confidence as they do so.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is good

Children are well cared for by supportive staff. They take time to get to know each child individually. Staff are effective in ensuring all children are engaged and included. Older children are very positive role models to younger children and include them in their play. This creates an inclusive environment. As a result, children's behaviour is excellent. Staff deploy themselves effectively around the centre and play alongside the children. This ensures children are safe and their needs are quickly met. Parents get clear feedback about their child's day through daily communication. They have access to information about the planned activities from regular emails. Staff ensure children's hands are free from bacteria using hand gel before they eat snack. However, this does not effectively get rid of mud, dirt or paint, or increase children's awareness of good hygiene practises. However, children do wash their hands with soap and water before lunch.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is good

The leadership and management of the play scheme and creche are strong. The manager and deputy work closely with the staff team. They create a friendly and welcoming environment. Staff have a good understanding of how to keep children safe. The manager keeps well-organised records, policies and procedures to support children's safety and welfare. Appropriate recruitment procedures and regular supervision of staff ensure adults are suitable to work with children. Staff have regular training opportunities, such as first aid, safeguarding and play work principles. This ensures they are continually improving their practice. All staff are reflective of the provision and contribute ideas for the smooth running of the club. This helps them to set clear targets for improvement. The play scheme enjoys close communication with a variety of professionals who support them to meet children's individual needs. This ensures children with additional needs and/or disabilities are well cared for and have good access to all the facilities.

Setting details

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Local authority	Oxfordshire
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Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	200
Name of provider	Active Nation UK Ltd
Date of previous inspection	12 April 2012
Telephone number	01235 540 700

The White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre registered in 2002. They are registered on the Early Years Register, and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is situated in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The centre provides a holiday play scheme and a creche. The creche operates all year round. The play scheme runs during the school holidays, between 8.15am and 5.40pm. Children attend for a variety of sessions. Seven staff work in the creche and holiday play scheme. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications, two of whom hold Foundation Degrees.

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