

# Excel Sport and Leisure

Edge Grove School, High Cross, Aldenham, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 8NL



## Inspection date

10 April 2015

## Previous inspection date

10 August 2009

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

### This inspection:

### Met

Previous inspection:

Good

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The setting **meets legal requirements for early years settings**

## Summary of key findings for parents

### The provision meets requirements

- The provider demonstrates a clear understanding of how activities provided support children's learning and development. He employs experienced staff with relevant early years qualifications to work with younger children.
- The provider has a clear understanding of his role and responsibility to safeguard children. He knows the procedures to follow if he is concerned about a child's welfare. Staff induction and daily team meetings ensure that staff are also aware of their roles with regard to reporting any child protection concerns.
- Detailed assessments of risk enable staff to provide a safe environment for children to play and learn. This contributes to ensuring children's safety is prioritised.
- Children have designated indoor and outdoor play areas with age-appropriate resources. This includes a woodland area. The provider describes how this area is used for storytelling and exploring the natural world.
- Children can take part in art and craft activities, performing arts and a range of sports including swimming. A lifeguard is always on duty to ensure children's safety.
- Staff will use age-appropriate strategies according to children's age and stage of development to help children learn to respect each other. Boundaries and issues about how to keep safe are discussed with children at the beginning of each session.
- The enthusiastic provider works alongside the staff team to drive positive learning experiences for children through activities that children are interested in. He understands about having effective safeguarding and recruitment procedures to help to ensure all adults are suitable to work with children.
- The provider continually reflects on the services provided. He is aware of the need to monitor staff's interactions with children so that children are having fun and are safe. He uses feedback from staff, children and parents to evaluate practice and to plan relevant improvements.

There were no children present 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 present, 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 whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector had a tour of the areas to be used by children.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how he delivers the induction programme for new staff so that they have an understanding about safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector looked at documents relating to the recruitment process. She also discussed policies and procedures used by the provider in his practice.
- The inspector observed staff interacting positively with older children during dance and sport activities.

## **Inspector**

Maura Pigram

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	130494
<b>Local authority</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	992058
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 17
<b>Total number of places</b>	170
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	28
<b>Name of provider</b>	Club Excel Playscheme Partnership
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	10 August 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	01923 469475 or 07931383885 or 6

Excel Sport and Leisure was registered in 2000 and is on a school site. The club employs six members of childcare staff. Of these, one staff member holds Qualified Teacher Status and one staff member holds appropriate early years qualifications at level 3. Two staff have dance or sport coaching qualifications. The club opens from Monday to Friday during the Easter and summer holidays. Sessions are from 9.30am until 3pm and an extended day is offered between 8.30am and 5.30pm.

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