

Barracudas Activity Camp

The Holt School, Holt Lane, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 1EE



Inspection date

9 April 2015

Previous inspection date

8 April 2009

| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Requires improvement | 3 |
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| | 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 | | Requires improvement | 3 |
| The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision | | Requires improvement | 3 |
| The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings | | | |

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- Although the club has a staff member on site with paediatric first aid, they are not always on hand to act swiftly enough in the event of an emergency.
- At times, older children disrupt activities, which results in some younger children not always being fully included.
- Self-evaluation does not identify and target all weaknesses effectively.

It has the following strengths

- The club provide a range of developmentally challenging events and easily accessible activities, which support children's interests, while developing their independence and awareness of safety.
- Children's health and well-being is well supported as staff provide a broad range of challenging and energetic opportunities outside. This promotes the children's physical skills.
- Staff know how to safeguard children in relation to their child protection responsibilities.
- Secure recruitment, vetting, mentoring and appraisal procedures ensure staff are suitable and skilled. This has a positive impact on teaching, and children's learning and development.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- ensure there is a member of staff with paediatric first-aid training who is effectively deployed to enable them to be able to respond to emergencies quickly.

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

- help older children to consistently behave well and to develop more positive relationships with younger children, so they can play co-operatively
- improve the effectiveness of self-evaluation to clearly identify areas for development that will continuously improve outcomes for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities and play experiences available to children.
- The inspector observed interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector asked staff questions about their roles and responsibilities, and observed practice with the manager.
- The inspector gauged parent's views and opinions from feedback noticed and questionnaires.
- The inspector sampled the club's documentation and children's records.

Inspector

Tracy Bartholomew

Inspection findings

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

Children arrive happy and are welcomed warmly by the well-qualified staff who take them to their base rooms ready for the day's activities. Children settle into their groups well, greeting and relating well to the friends as they play with the activities on offer. Staff interact positively with the children, using effective questioning to and promoting their learning throughout the day. Children develop their physical skills well as they throw the hoop onto the sticks and successfully learn how to use and control electric go-karts. Children enjoy social and creative times where they sit and chat about their drawings and share experiences, of their favourite film characters. Staff complete assessments on the children, which shows their ongoing achievements and development while they are attending the club. This information is given to the parents to enable them to share this with their school, which promotes continuity of care.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children requires improvement

Children's well-being is not consistently supported. Although the club has a qualified first aider on site, they are not always available to respond to an emergency. This is due to the size of the premises, and the deployment of the first aider who needs to have breaks and supervises other activities. Overall, children are happy and behave well most of the time. However, occasionally the behaviour of older children becomes disruptive. They wander away from planned activities, which limit the enjoyment and engagement of the younger children. Staff promote children's independence well as they are encouraged to contribute their ideas and set up activities for their friends. For example, as they make up their own obstacle course to show to the rest of the group. Staff encourage children to eat healthily through the use of reward stickers and a fruit shop.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision requires improvement

The leadership team has not considered the implication of having only one member of staff who holds a current first-aid certificate. This means that children's safety is compromised. All other requirements are met. Staff have a sound understanding of their roles and responsibilities and have yearly compulsory induction training. This enables them to have up-to-date knowledge on the events and activities to be undertaken, their role in child protection and routines procedures for health and safety. A comprehensive range of information is available to parents, through notices, websites and planners. Parents are happy with the club and written feedback includes comments that staff are friendly, and their children enjoy a wide range of activities.

Setting details

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| Unique reference number | 148701 |
| Local authority | Wokingham |
| Inspection number | 836757 |
| Type of provision | Out of school provision |
| Registration category | Childcare - Non-Domestic |
| Age range of children | 4 - 16 |
| Total number of places | 180 |
| Number of children on roll | 25 |
| Name of provider | Young World Leisure Group Limited |
| Date of previous inspection | 8 April 2009 |
| Telephone number | 0845 123 5299 |

Barracudas Activity Camp registered in 2001. The camp operates from The Holt School, Wokingham, Berkshire. The activity camp operates each weekday during the Easter and summer school holidays only, from 8am until 6pm. The camp employs 13 staff, of these 3 staff are qualified teachers and 4 others hold appropriate early years qualifications at a level 6.

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