

Barracudas

St. James School, Church Road, ASHFORD, Middlesex, TW15 3DZ



Inspection date	27 July 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Outstanding	1
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Outstanding	1
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Outstanding	1
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children form exceptional relationships with the staff very quickly. This means children's individual needs are always met extremely well and they are very confident and settled at the club. Children demonstrate a very strong sense of belonging.
- The quality and variety of activities available for the children are outstanding. Staff provide children with a range of high quality experiences both inside and outdoors. There is exceptional focus for children to make their own decisions about what they want to do.
- Safety is paramount in everything that is done. All staff have a very good understanding of assessing risks, and promptly dealing with any problems. Children thrive in a very safe environment.
- Excellent partnerships between parents and staff ensure that parents remain very well informed about what their children do at the club. Displays of work and videos make this information easily accessible.
- The very highly qualified and consistent management team are inspirational in improving practices to provide the best quality care and experiences for the children that attend.
- Staff provide children with a highly effective healthy lifestyle. Ample time is spent outside where children engage in physical activity. Highly effective advice is given for parents to bring healthy packed lunches to the club and a fruit shop allows children to access fruit during their time at the club.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- revise the lunch time period to ensure it meets the needs of all of the children in particular the younger children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector completed a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and qualifications of staff working with the children and the provider's procedures for self-evaluation.
- The inspector observed activities and the areas used by the children.

Inspector

Jessica Richardson

Inspection findings

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

Staff use their outstanding knowledge of children to fully engage them in exciting activities, for example, puppet shows and clay modelling. They become involved in children's play and support them to extend their learning. Children benefit from moving around all areas of the setting on a daily basis. The facilities available provide children with a unique and stimulating environment in which they thrive. Children enjoy spending time with mixed age groups such as lunch time. However, there is room to improve this routine to strengthen this experience for all of the different age groups. Staff provide children with highly effective opportunities to build their confidence and independence, for example, running their own fruit shop. Staff use their outstanding knowledge to ensure children with English as an additional language are very well supported. They become confident and make very good progress with their communication while at the club.

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

Exceptional arrangements to care for children support their well-being. Staff complete frequent welfare checks to ensure every child's needs are met during their time at the time. Staff are extremely good role models for the children and play alongside young children to help them share and take turns. Children become fully engaged in all activities and behave extremely well. Clear behavioural expectations are explained at the start of each session and children happily follow these. Managers and staff have an excellent understanding of their responsibilities to safeguard children. They are confident in following procedures if they have a concern with a child's welfare. Staff provide children with fantastic experiences to learn about keeping themselves safe. Thorough, weekly fire drills and building tours ensure children understand what to do in an emergency and hazards they need to be aware of.

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

The management team have an outstanding understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Strong accountability across all levels of management and staff underpins a shared commitment towards delivering exceptional standards. Highly effective arrangements for recruiting new staff, for regular supervision and checking staff performance lead to a high level of consistent practice. Leaders monitor staff closely and any development points are quickly recognised and tackled through targeted training and support. Thorough procedures for checking the quality of provision ensures that children receive a rich and challenging range of activities. Incisive self-evaluation accurately identifies how the club can improve further. For example, being flexible with arrival and collection times to suit parent's needs.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY447512
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	993025
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	104
Number of children on roll	106
Name of provider	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01480 497 533

Barracudas Activity Camp is one of 33 holiday activity day camps that are registered under Young World Leisure Group Limited. It registered in 2012 and runs in St. James School, in Ashford, Middlesex. The activity camp is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm for four weeks during the summer school holidays, excluding bank holidays. There are 24 members of staff 22 of which hold a relevant higher education childcare qualification.

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