

Erith Leisure Centre

Erith Sports Centre, Avenue Road, Erith, Kent, DA8 3AT



Inspection date

23 July 2015

Previous inspection date

18 February 2010

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

- Staff take into account children's individual needs and interests to promote their enjoyment of activities and experiences. Therefore, children have fun and enthusiastically join in.
- Staff have close partnerships with parents to support children well as they move between home and the playscheme each day.
- Staff nurture children's emotional well-being and confidence through good use of praise and support.
- Staff manage children's behaviour appropriately and encourage children to help make the rules they need to follow. This helps children take responsibility for their behaviour.
- Staff are deployed well to keep children safe. Staff are aware of possible child protection signs and symptoms and know how to report any concerns.
- Self-evaluation works well. Management and staff identify priorities for improvements, which they monitor, review and update at meetings. The scheme has a good awareness of what they do well. They identify areas to focus on to promote continuous development.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- During swimming activities, staff do not always make the most of the premises to provide children who are not participating with access to a wider range of different activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- reflect on how and when the different play areas are used to make sure children who are not participating in swimming benefit fully from alternative activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises.
- The inspector observed staff and children's interactions in the park and in the swimming pool.
- The inspector spoke with the senior management team and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector reviewed documents, including those related to safeguarding.

Inspector

Zalihe Mehmet-Emin

Inspection findings

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

Staff plan and provide a varied and exciting range of activities and experiences that children enjoy. They effectively adapt activities to make them challenging, which sustains all children's interest. Staff promote children's communication and social skills well. They speak with children during activities and listen to their ideas. Staff and children engage in effective discussions, which help children to think about what they are doing and respond accordingly. Children practise useful skills they develop in school, such as using resources that support their writing development. For example, children colour, use scissors and a variety of creative materials to develop their coordination and imagination. Children gain a positive attitude to physical activities that help promote their concentration.

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

Staff build warm and trusting relationships with children. They promote children's physical development well through activities, such as swimming and team sport games. This encourages children to understand the benefits of exercise and helps boost their confidence. Children make good use of the space in the environment and climbing equipment. This enables them to make choices about their play, while developing and testing their physical skills. Children are eager to go outside and staff make sure they have plenty of resources to use. They learn about good hygiene practices through effective discussions. Mealtimes are social occasions and staff discuss healthy food choices, developing children's knowledge of good health.

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

The senior manager and staff work well together to make effective changes to the playscheme. This strengthens the quality of the service they provide. Following effective staff supervision and training, the most recent change they have made is to the planning, to offer more activities. This is an ongoing process and children develop their independence as they make their own choices. The good-quality interactions are a direct result of all staff being well qualified. This enables them to plan an interesting environment based upon children's interests and needs. The strong, supportive leadership maintains consistently good standards and they are committed to ongoing improvement. Secure recruitment and vetting procedures ensure that all staff working with children are suitable. Staff gather information from parents when children start, so they can fully meet any additional needs children may have.

Setting details

Unique reference number	115396
Local authority	Bexley
Inspection number	835954
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	28
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	Parkwood Leisure PLC
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2010
Telephone number	01322 350271

Erith Leisure Centre, also known as Camp Adventure, is a holiday playscheme and registered in 2005. It is located within Erith Sports Centre in the London Borough of Bexley. The playscheme operates each weekday during school holidays, between the hours of 8am and 6pm. All five staff members hold relevant qualifications.

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