

Barracudas

Ripley Court School, Rose Lane, Ripley, WOKING, Surrey, GU23 6NE



Inspection date

28 July 2015

Previous inspection date

13 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 are happy and confident in this camp and they enjoy a wealth of activities that encourage their all-round development. Staff carefully encourage children to use their knowledge within the activities enabling them to develop their skills further.
- Children learn about a healthy lifestyle as they are encouraged to participate in a variety of physical activities, choose healthy snacks and follow good hygiene routines.
- Risk assessing is strong and measures are taken to ensure that children know how to contribute to their own safety and the safety of others. Staff know about child protection, including the action to take if they are concerned about the welfare of a child or the behaviour of colleague.
- Parents are kept well informed of their child's activities and links are made with other professionals to enhance the service the camp offers.
- The leadership and management team are very enthusiastic and demonstrate a clear vision of how they will continue to develop the good quality opportunities children experience.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not always have easy access to additional resources, when out on the playing field, to use to adapt or extend play activities and help maintain children's interest.
- Children are not always encouraged to help tidy away their activities indoors. This does not fully encourage them to value and respect the resources they have.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- manage the use of the playing field effectively to ensure staff have easy access to additional resources to extend or adapt play opportunities if necessary
- encourage the children to value their environment and resources.

Inspection activities

- The inspector toured the premises with the manager.
- The inspector observed the children and staff at play indoors, and out on the playing field.
- The inspector observed an activity with the early years manager.
- The inspector examined documentation, read the self-evaluation and discussed leadership and management with the early years manager and site manager.

Inspector

Lynne Lewington

Inspection findings

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

The enthusiastic and motivated staff team relate well to the children as they motivate and encourage them in their play. The day is carefully planned to enable children to experience indoor and outdoor activities, have physical experiences and also free time to make independent choices about their play. For example, children enjoy water play, listen to stories, enjoy colouring and play team games. These activities enable them to build on their skills and develop relationships with others. Staff encourage children in their play enabling them to use their knowledge and develop their curiosity. However, staff on the playing field do not have easy access to additional resources to help them adapt their plans and activities to fully engage children. Staff seek information about what children want to gain from attending and use this to plan. It is then reviewed with children at the end of the camp.

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

A good partnership between staff and parents develops and helps ensure that staff share key information with parents. This keeps parents informed of children's activities and helps staff to know children's individual requirements. Parents provide comprehensive information about their children enabling staff to skilfully support individual needs. Children soon settle and appear confident, they know their key staff well, and also confidently greet the managers. Children show great delight when 'Billy Barracuda', the company mascot, makes an appearance at lunchtime; confidently shaking his hand and greeting him. Staff are positive role models, they encourage children to take turns, share, play cooperatively and listen to each other. As a result, children behave well and are developing social skills and self-confidence.

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

The management and staff carefully monitor the provision to identify the camp's strengths and areas for development. Systems to supervise and monitor staff performance are strong, this enables the staff team to continue to develop their skills and the good quality service offered. Recruitment and induction procedures are robust ensuring staff are suitable for their roles. Compulsory training courses build on staff skills enabling them to safely supervise a variety of interesting activities, such as trampoline and go-karts. Management has addressed the recommendations raised at the previous inspection by ensuring radiators are now covered and children have access to books and resources to extend their knowledge of the world around them. As a result, children receive good quality and fun activities where they continue to learn as they play.

Setting details

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Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	993946
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	120
Number of children on roll	100
Name of provider	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Date of previous inspection	13 April 2012
Telephone number	01480 497533

Barracudas, Ripley is one of 27 holiday camps run by Young World Leisure Group Limited. It registered in 2010. It operates from the campus of Ripley Court School in Woking, Surrey. It operates Monday to Friday, during the Easter and summer school holiday periods. Opening hours are from 8am to 6pm. The camp employs 34 members of staff. Of these 15 hold qualifications at level 3 or above. Lifeguards and specialist sports instructors are also employed.

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