

Barracudas Activity Camp

Bromley High School G D S T, Blackbrook Lane, Bromley, Kent, BR1 2TW



Inspection date	28 July 2015
Previous inspection date	26 July 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
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 make significant progress with their confidence and physical development from their initial starting points when they first attend. This is due to the extensive range of learning opportunities through sports activities and the support of highly skilled and qualified staff.
- Staff know children very well and plan activities to ensure an excellent balance of activities to meet their individual needs. They provide an extensive range of interesting and stimulating activities to fully extend children's development.
- Management and staff have an excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and meet all the legal requirements.
- Leadership and management are excellent. The provider, manager and staff work very well together to make effective changes to the camp and drive further improvement for the benefit of children. They value the views of parents and children and consider these fully when they evaluate their practice.
- The camp manager ensures that staff receive comprehensive training to ensure they fully understand the child protection policies and procedures. This ensures that they all effectively safeguard the children in their care and protect them from harm.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- use every opportunity to reduce times between activities so children can make the most of their time at activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the children's play and staff interaction in the main playroom, playing field and swimming pool.
- The inspector spoke with the area manager, camp managers and staff.
- The inspector examined documents including a sample of children's records, staff suitability, policies and procedures and the camp's self-evaluation.

Inspector

Rebecca Hurst

Inspection findings

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

Children are extremely happy and settle very quickly. Staff are close at hand to offer support to children when they first start. Children in the early years age range each have their own key person who knows them very well. This enables staff to plan exciting activities to engage children and help them make progress in their development. During craft sessions, staff promote the children's learning and development very well. They encourage the children to talk about their drawings and they learn the sounds of letters through spelling out words. Children eagerly talk to staff about their birthdays and the pictures they have drawn. Moving between some activities can take time, which reduces the time children spend at the next activity. Staff promote children's confidence exceptionally well. Staff give the children a chance to voice their views with others. This promotes their self-esteem very effectively and teaches them to cooperate with others.

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

Staff enhance children's independence skills exceptionally well. Children are eager to tidy away toys. They independently undress and dress for swimming activities. Staff promote children's physical development extremely well through all activities. Children enjoy parachute play, using the adventure playground and swimming to teach them to move in different ways. Staff teach children how to stay safe in the water providing them with vital life skills for the future. Staff use very well-planned activities inside and outside to extend children's development. They promote children's health and well-being exceptionally well, reminding them to have regular drinks, and providing fresh fruit from the fruit bar.

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

Staff have an excellent understanding of safeguarding, child protection and how to keep children safe. They carry out robust risk assessments on all areas of sporting activities and in particular the swimming pool. This enables children to participate in activities safely. Staff carry out weekly fire drills to teach children how to stay safe. Management ensure they meet the qualifications and staffing requirements. They implement robust recruitment procedures to ensure staff are suitable and qualified for their role and fully understand their responsibilities. Staff supervise and support children exceptionally well at all times. The excellent quality of teaching is a direct result of effective staff supervision, ongoing professional development and training. Parents benefit from the regular feedback they have with the staff. They share their views, which the staff use effectively to make changes. Staff share the excellent progress children are making in their physical development as well as their personal and social skills.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY331015
Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	993913
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	200
Number of children on roll	157
Name of provider	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Date of previous inspection	26 July 2012
Telephone number	0845 123 5299

Barracudas Activity Camp registered in 2006. It is situated near Bromley Common. The activity camp is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, during Easter and summer school holidays. The activity camp has a day-to-day manager, an early years manager and 32 suitably qualified and experienced staff who work directly with the children.

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