

# Alton Playcentre

The Alton School, Danebury Avenue, London, SW15 4PD



## Inspection date

3 August 2015

Previous inspection date

23 February 2011

## The quality and standards of the early years provision

**This inspection:**

**Met**

Previous inspection:

Good

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The setting **meets legal requirements for early years settings**

## Summary of key findings for parents

### The provision meets requirements

- Staff value working in partnership with parents and understand the need to form strong links with other professionals to meet children's varying needs.
- Staff know how to manage children's behaviour in a positive way, according to their individual needs, ages and levels of understanding.
- Staff understand how to provide a stimulating environment so children can make independent choices and follow their interests through play.
- Staff have a good knowledge of requirements and know how to look after children well. They understand how to plan and provide motivating and challenging activities to engage children's interests and keep them well occupied.
- All staff have undertaken safeguarding training and have a good understanding of their responsibilities to protect children. They understand the procedures to follow should they have a concern about a child.
- The manager recognises the importance of implementing robust risk assessments to help to ensure that the premises are safe for children's use.
- Procedures to recruit staff and check their suitability to work with children are robust. Staff are well qualified and experienced, so they are able to support children who have varying care and play needs.
- The manager and staff understand the need to have effective strategies to identify the playcentre's strengths and its areas for further development in order to improve the service to the children and their families.

There were no children present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises with the manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager and the early years development officer.
- The inspector discussed with the manager and staff how they plan to meet the individual needs of each child to support them effectively.
- The inspector looked a range of documents, including some policies, procedures and risk assessments.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of staff to work with children and their qualifications.

### Inspector

Jane Franks

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	159336
<b>Local authority</b>	Wandsworth
<b>Inspection number</b>	836814
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Registration category</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Age range of children</b>	3 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	15
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Name of provider</b>	Wandsworth Borough Council
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	23 February 2011
<b>Telephone number</b>	0208 871 6349

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