

Ultimate Activity Camps at Beachborough School



Beachborough School, Westbury Manor, Westbury, BRACKLEY, Northamptonshire, NN13 5LB

Inspection date	6 August 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

- The quality of staff interaction with children is outstanding. Staff have very high expectations of themselves and extremely high aspirations for all children. They work exceptionally well as a team to deliver inspiring activities that enable children to try new experiences and have fun.
- Staff are extremely kind and genuinely caring towards children. They have an unwavering commitment to meeting children's individual care needs. This contributes towards children showing high levels of confidence and feeling secure in the club.
- All staff ensure that they are responsible for, and give the upmost importance to, the well-being and protection of children. They demonstrate meticulous knowledge of safeguarding policies and the procedures to follow if they are concerned about a child.
- Day-to-day management and professional supervision are of an exceptionally high quality. Roles are clearly defined and there is an excellent sense of teamwork shared by the well-qualified, experienced and knowledgeable team. This results in an excellent capacity for future improvements.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- increase opportunities for children to adapt play activities and contribute their ideas for future activities.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the indoor and outdoor areas.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection, and held a meeting with the club director.
- The inspector looked at children's records, evidence of the staff suitability, and a range of other documentation, including policies and procedures to safeguard children's welfare.

Inspector

Melissa Cox

Inspection findings

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

The club offers an exciting and challenging range of play, sporting and craft activities for children of all ages. The staff team is very well established, qualified, skilled and dedicated to meeting the needs of all children who attend. Excellent, high-quality resources and equipment enable staff to extend and support children in the early years age range. Activities for small key groups of children are extremely well planned to include themed creative projects chosen by the children. Children persevere for long periods of time, sticking on feathers, cutting out or painting their storybook characters. Staff build on this activity with a treasure hunt in the nearby woods, where children search for the magical creatures they have been reading about. This supports the skills children have gained at school and introduces them to new activities and experiences.

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

Children are very happy and settled at the camp. The key-person system is highly effective and well embedded. This helps children to form secure, emotional attachments and provides a strong base for their personal, social and emotional development. Children are kind, caring, considerate and extremely friendly to each other, staff and visitors. This contributes towards the camp being a welcoming environment where children feel safe. Staff promote children's self-care skills and involvement in routines very well. The excellent range of outdoor activities provides children with a wealth of opportunities to develop their physical skills and also promotes their confidence, perseverance and ability to cooperate as they play. However, on rare occasions opportunities for children to make further choices about resources and to suggest ideas for future activities are not always clear enough.

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

Leaders and staff are well qualified and demonstrate an excellent understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Comprehensive risk assessments and thorough daily checks of the environment and resources help to ensure that children are exceptionally well protected. Induction and supervision are rigorous and there are excellent opportunities for continuous professional development. Regular team meetings, appraisals and planning meetings ensure all staff meet the high expectations of the management team. There is an extremely strong and successful drive for continuous improvement within the camp. Strengths and areas for improvement are discussed in an open and honest way, which means that staff and managers are fully reflective in what they offer children. As a result, the club promotes children's well-being and enjoyment in their play to an outstanding level.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY460220
Local authority	Buckinghamshire
Inspection number	993015
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	3 - 8
Total number of places	64
Number of children on roll	38
Name of provider	The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01280 700071

Ultimate Activity Camp at Beachborough School registered in 2013. It operates in the village of Westbury on the outskirts of Brackley. The camp operates from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, school holidays only. The camp currently employs five staff who work with the youngest children. Of these, two hold Qualified Teacher Status and the remaining three all hold relevant qualifications between level 2 and level 5.

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