

Barracudas Activity Camp

Farlington School, Guildford Road, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 3PN



Inspection date 20 August 2015
Previous inspection date 3 April 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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

- Staff are extremely skilled at noticing children's interests. Children, therefore, love the activities that staff plan for them and display a great deal of enjoyment in activities.
- Staff pay high regard to children's views. They offer children vast opportunities to make choices. Therefore, children engage intensely in the activities.
- Managers pay meticulous detail to evaluating practice. They ensure that children can participate in all activities by making professional judgements about how to change activities to meet the developmental and physical needs of every child.
- Children are extremely safe in the environment because staff provide them with excellent opportunities to notice risks and consider how to keep themselves safe.
- Staff show dedication to implementing the strict policies in place to keep children safe. This is particularly evident in their vigilant approach to monitoring unknown visitors.
- Staff demonstrate a consistently strong knowledge of the company's policies and procedures in place to safeguard children. This is due to a robust induction and training programme, which is in place to refresh knowledge yearly.
- Children are able to play freely in rooms that are cleverly adapted to provide a welcoming and stimulating environment. Staff organise rooms with care to ensure children have an extensive range of resources to choose from. Resources in the drawing area, however, do not always allow children to make the most of their creations.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- provide children with even more opportunities to be creative by making a wider range of different materials available to them in the drawing area.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the indoor and outdoor areas.
- The inspector checked documentation, including the policies for safeguarding children.
- The inspector talked with staff, children and the manager at appropriate times throughout the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of staff.

Inspector

Kerry Lynn

Inspection findings

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

Well-qualified staff use their excellent knowledge and skills to ensure children get maximum enjoyment out of activities. Staff make activities exciting and real to the children who are able to interpret them in their own way. Therefore, all children are included and can get involved. Children take on the roles of favourite book characters in dance and drama, for example. Children develop confidence because staff cleverly employ a range of successful methods to make them feel proud of their achievements. Staff include parents greatly in children's experiences. They use information from parents to cater for each child's needs. Parents know what their children have enjoyed doing because staff feedback effectively. Children have a wonderfully varied and exciting experience during their school holidays because they can choose from a vast range of activities. These include drama, crafts, swimming, motor skills and archery to name a few.

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

Staff are dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles. Children can buy fruit from a fruit shop and receive rewards for healthy eating. Children show a secure understanding of why they have to wash their hands before they eat and are proud of their knowledge. The holiday camp uses the large, open grounds to provide a range of physical activities including swimming, frisbee throwing and football. Children have a great deal of exercise. Managers pay meticulous detail to how timetables affect the physical well-being of the youngest children. They have reduced the amount of time they spend on some activities because they became too tired. Children settle quickly in their groups because staff focus on making them feel welcome straight away. They use a self-registration system, for example, to help children gain a sense of belonging. The atmosphere in the group is bright and cheerful because the staff are so jolly and engaging with the children. Children demonstrate exceptional interaction skills because there is a strong focus on group work and games. These also enhance their social skills.

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

The manager demonstrates an excellent understanding of how to encourage staff improvement. She nurtures staff development by giving positive feedback on her daily observations of staff practice. This results in a happy and enthusiastic staff team who aim high. Staff have excellent opportunities to enhance their skills by attending training courses. These enable them to provide children with superb opportunities to experience a vast range of activities, which are delivered with skill and precision. The company achieves high standards because they collect and consider opinions of staff, children and parents. Effective evaluation strategies such as these drive change for future camps.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY302426
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	993949
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	4 - 16
Total number of places	188
Number of children on roll	32
Name of provider	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Date of previous inspection	3 April 2012
Telephone number	0845 1235299

Barracudas Activity Camp is one of many holiday activity day camps registered under Young World Leisure Group Limited. It was registered in 2005 and runs in Farlington School in Horsham, West Sussex. The camp is open each weekday from 8am to 6pm, during Easter and for four weeks during the summer school holidays, excluding bank holidays. Of the 27 staff employed, 10 have Qualified Teacher Status or Early Years Professional Status. 13 have other relevant qualifications.

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