

Highbury Roundhouse Holiday Playscheme

Aubert Court Community Centre, Avenell Road, London, N5 1BL



Inspection date

Previous inspection date

17 August 2015

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Good

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Previous inspection:

Not applicable

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 enthusiastically join in the challenging, fun activities on offer. They have opportunities to take carefully managed risks as they play and develop good levels of independence.
- Staff establish warm, friendly relationships with children. As a result, children are confident, enjoy attending and develop friendships with others.
- Managers have a clear understanding of their role in terms of safeguarding children. They follow robust recruitment procedures to ensure the suitability of staff. In addition, staff know the procedures to follow should they have concerns about the welfare of any child.
- Managers demonstrate a clear commitment to providing a good quality service. Effective self-evaluation takes into account the views of staff, parents and children and helps managers identify areas for improvement.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Outdoor activities tend to mostly focus around active play and physical challenge, and do not offer the broadest possible range of experiences for those who prefer being outside.
- Staff gather information from parents about their children's care, medical and dietary needs but do not actively encourage them to share details of children's interests. This does not help staff to plan activities based around the specific interests of those attending.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- review the outdoor play opportunities to ensure that children who choose to play outside are able enjoy a broad range of activities
- build further on the friendly relationships with parents to gather more specific information about their child's preferences to help staff to plan activities around children's interests.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed a range of activities, inside and outdoors.
- The inspector spoke to members of staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and held a meeting with managers.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the manager.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents spoken to on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at evidence of the suitability of staff and a range of policies and procedures.

Inspector

Vanessa Linehan

Inspection findings

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

Staff use their training, skills and knowledge to plan and provide a range of activities that encourage children to play and explore. Children are confident in choosing what they want to do and many are keen to participate in physical play in the outdoor environment, such as climbing or running around with a ball. For those who do not want to engage in physical activities there is less to do outside. Indoors children enjoy activities, such as creating pictures and building models from plastic building bricks. Staff get involved in children's play and help extend activities by asking questions and making suggestions. Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive support to join in activities. This includes participating in some of the interesting and exciting trips out to places like the theatre or the local football club stadium.

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

Staff explain the rules of the playscheme to all children so that they understand what is acceptable behaviour and what is not. This means that behaviour is good and that children generally play together cooperatively. The outdoor physical activities benefit children's health and they learn positive hygiene routines, such as washing their hands before meals. Children also learn how to keep themselves safe as they are reminded not to run indoors or throw things. All staff members have up-to-date safeguarding training and there are always two members of staff with paediatric first-aid training on the premises. This helps to ensure children's health and well-being. All care needs are agreed with parents and the accident and medication procedures support this process. Staff undertake risk assessments and children play in a safe and secure environment.

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

The organisation of the playscheme is effective in meeting children's needs and promoting their well-being. All staff undergo security checks and are suitably qualified or experienced. The positive interactions between staff and children help children to settle and to feel confident. This is particularly important as some children attend for just a few days during the holiday period. Staff receive regular training opportunities and supervision, which supports their professional development. Managers aspire to improve the quality of the provision and work well with other professionals. They evaluate their practice in partnership with the local authority and by gathering the views of parents and children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY450352
Local authority	Islington
Inspection number	902013
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	60
Number of children on roll	19
Name of provider	Highbury Roundhouse Association Limited
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0207 3595916

Highbury Roundhouse holiday playscheme registered in 2012. It is located in a community centre in the Highbury area of the London Borough of Islington. The setting employs sixteen members of staff. The manager holds Qualified Teacher Status and all remaining staff are qualified at level 3 or level 4. The playscheme operates in the school holidays from 8 am to 6.30pm.

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