

Barracudas

Notre Dame Preparatory & Senior School, Burwood House, Convent Lane, COBHAM, Surrey, KT11 1HA



Inspection date	28 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

- Children enthusiastically arrive at the camp and are extremely eager to start to play. This is because staff provide an extensive range of fun, exciting and highly stimulating activities and resources.
- Staff work exceptionally well with parents. Staff find out what children like at the start of the holidays and regularly inform parents as to the range of activities on offer and their children's interest and enjoyment.
- Staff encourage children to learn new skills while at the camp. For example, children who are unable to swim receive swimming lessons which means that by the time they leave they have a new and potentially vital skill. This superbly supports children's physical well-being.
- Staff deployment is outstanding. The manager identifies individual staff's strengths and weaknesses and skilfully deploys them around the activities according to their strengths.
- Children have abundant opportunities to learn about healthy eating. For example, staff provide a tuck shop for the children where they can buy fruit and vegetables to eat for their snacks. Therefore, children effectively learn to make healthy choices and learn the value of money.
- The manager completes regular self-evaluation to monitor the range of activities they provide. She recognises that this could be further developed by involving a wider range of external professionals and specialists to enhance and extend the range of activities available to children.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen further the already excellent activities to provide an even greater variety of experiences and activities for children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to parents.
- The inspector conducted a joint observation with the manger.
- The inspector spoke to staff, children and the management.
- The inspector observed children playing and interacting with staff.
- The inspector sampled a range of relevant documentation.

Inspector

Sheryll Edwards

Inspection findings

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

Staff ensure that children have an exceptionally good time in the camp, which they attend during the school holidays. They offer children an extensive range of activities. For example, children choose to go swimming or take part in creative activities. Staff group the children in age-related groups. Younger children are in smaller groups which mean that they receive close support in whatever they choose to take part in. Staff expertly engage children in a very wide range of activities outside. For example, children learn to play team games, such as tag rugby and dodgeball. This supports their awareness of space and communication, and develops their physical skills. Consequently, children have extensive opportunities to learn a wide range of new skills ready for their return to school.

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

Staff have excellent procedures to ensure that children are kept safe while at the camp. They complete robust risk assessments daily, which cover all the activities children take part in. Staff work exceptionally well with parents to help them provide their children with healthy options in their lunchboxes. They inform parents of any allergies children have, which enables parents to avoid putting those foods in their children's lunch boxes. This effectively keeps children with allergies safe. Staff implement very effective behaviour management strategies. However, these are rarely implemented because children are constantly engaged and interested in what they are doing. Staff expertly build on children's social skills as they encourage older children to help younger children. This effectively extends all children's confidence and self-esteem.

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

The provider ensures that all staff are suitable to work with children. All new staff complete extremely rigorous recruitment procedures, including a demonstration of an activity they could provide for the children. This ensures that all staff are exceptionally well qualified with the skills and knowledge to make children's school holidays fun and memorable. All staff complete an induction prior to starting at the camp. The manager ensures that staff have safeguarding training before children start, to refresh and keep their child protection knowledge current. The manager supports her staff team extremely well and constantly monitors how well activities are delivered by staff and the children's interest. This enables staff to alter activities to meet every child's needs. Staff have regular supervision meetings which enable them to assess their own practice and identify ways to improve what they offer the children. Consequently, children really enjoy attending and some comment that they are sad now that the school holidays are over.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY460769
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	993017
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	48
Number of children on roll	200
Name of provider	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	01480 497 533

Barracudas in Cobham registered in 2013. It is one of 34 holiday camps run by Young World Leisure Group Limited. The camp operates from Notre Dame Preparatory and Senior School in Cobham, Surrey and is open during the Easter and summer holidays only. The camp employs 26 members of staff; six of whom are qualified teachers.

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