

# Connaught Leisure Playscheme

Connaught Leisure Centre, Tongham Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 4AS



## Inspection date

29 July 2016

Previous inspection date

28 July 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Requires Improvement	3
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- Children behave well and form strong friendships. They play well together, help each other and share equipment. Children understand the routines well and enjoy their time at the club.
- Staff are friendly and children form good relationships with them. Staff play alongside them, encouraging and motivating them.
- Overall, staff provide a wide range of activities. They use the outdoor environment well for children's play. This gives children plenty of physical exercise in the fresh air.
- Staff have a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures and they support children's safety and well-being effectively. For example, they undertake daily risk assessments to ensure that the environment is safe at all times.
- The managers evaluate all aspects of the provision successfully, taking into account the views of parents, children and staff. This enables them to identify improvement priorities. Managers have worked well to make improvements since the previous inspection.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Children do not always benefit from a wide range of opportunities to choose from during indoor play.

## **What the setting needs to do to improve further**

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

- develop further opportunities for children to explore, experiment and investigate in the indoor area, to support those children who prefer to play indoors.

### **Inspection activities**

- The inspector observed play and learning activities in the main playrooms and outdoor area, and discussed the impact of these with the manager.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager and looked at relevant documentation, such as evidence of self-evaluation.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff suitability checks, qualifications and a range of other documentation, including policies and procedures.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.

### **Inspector**

Eileen Chadwick

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The manager has a good understanding of the statutory requirements. Safeguarding is effective. All staff have received safeguarding training and know the correct procedures to follow in the event of any child protection concerns. The management team monitors children's attendance and maintains all the required documentation to protect children's well-being. Staff have formed good relationships with the schools that the children attend. Information is exchanged between staff, teachers and parents regarding children's care and learning needs to complement their time at school. The management team and staff aim to provide children with the best experiences and are continually looking for ways to improve the provision. For example, they have successfully increased opportunities for children to engage in expressive arts.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff ensure that children have plenty to do and have fun. They recognise children's need for recreational experiences as they enjoy their school holidays. Children of all ages play sports. They run and jump over suitable apparatus or swing on ropes to challenge their physical skills. The outdoor area gives children good opportunities to choose to play in small groups or independently. Children use their whole body in different ways and develop their physical skills. Children enjoy strong opportunities to express their ideas and create using a good range of materials. For example, they create friendship bracelets for each other, make masks or become engaged in den building. Staff extend children's experiences to develop children's sense of the world around them. For example, children go on picnics to the local park, explore their local community, and members of the emergency services visit to talk to the children and involve them in suitable activities.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff work with parents to ensure children's developmental and care needs are identified and met. Children demonstrate that they are happy. Staff are very attentive to children's different needs. Children check in with staff regularly, with warm reassurance available for them, if needed. Rules and boundaries, for instance, help children learn how to keep safe. Children are encouraged to get involved and try new things. They demonstrate a sense of achievement as staff celebrate their efforts and congratulate their ideas. Staff help children to develop a range of practical skills, encouraging them to be independent and to follow good hygiene practices. Children have a quiet area to go to should they so wish, which includes an interesting range of books for children to enjoy. Children practise drawing and writing, and take part in a variety of board games.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	507919
<b>Local authority</b>	Hampshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	1054488
<b>Type of provision</b>	Out of school provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	4 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	96
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	43
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Rushmoor Borough Council
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP517905
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	28 July 2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	01252 344438

Connaught Leisure Playscheme registered in 1994. It is run by Rushmoor Borough Council. The provision operates from the Connaught Leisure Centre, which is situated in the grounds of Connaught School on the outskirts of Aldershot in Hampshire. The provision is open each weekday during school holidays and offers full-day sessions from 8.30am until 5.30pm and part-day sessions from 8.30am until 3.30pm. There are eight staff working with the children. Four staff hold relevant early years qualifications; one at level 4, two at level 3 and one at level 2.

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