

Ultimate Activity Camps at Prior's Field School



Priors Field School Trust Ltd, Priorsfield Road, Hurtmore, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2RH

Inspection date	22 August 2016
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Children show great interest in everything around them. They delight in investigating the excellent range of stimulating resources and activities which help to fully engage and excite them.
- Children's behaviour is exceptional. For example, even the younger children hold doors open for staff, visitors and their friends. They demonstrate extremely high levels of self-control and respect for others.
- Staff manage routines extremely well. For example, they provide children with highly challenging activities, as well as opportunities to relax and enjoy quieter time. Children chat to their friends and reflect on their day.
- Staff have excellent partnerships with parents. They share a wide range of information about children to support continuity in their care. Parents are highly complementary about the level of care their children receive.
- Children form extremely strong relationships with other children and staff. The excellent key-person system helps children to feel safe, secure and develop a strong sense of trust.
- The management implements highly effective processes to evaluate and reflect on the provision. It considers the views of the children, parents and staff to help maintain the excellent standards to provide children with a fun, stimulating and enjoyable time.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to develop the range of activities and opportunities, particularly for those children who prefer to be outdoors.

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the premises and completed a joint observation with the operations manager.
- The inspector held discussions with the manager, operations manager and staff.
- The inspector looked a range of documents, including some policies, procedures and risk assessments.
- The inspector checked evidence of staff suitability and qualifications.
- The inspector observed a variety of activities both inside and outside.

Inspector

Jane Franks

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Staff have an extremely clear understanding of child protection matters and take their responsibility to keep children safe extremely seriously. The management has exceptionally high expectations of their staff. There are thorough procedures for induction, training, support and coaching, which help to extend staff practice and professional development. Staff receive lots of encouragement and praise; for example, the management consistently celebrates its achievements and performance. Staff have thorough risk assessment training, which helps them to assess the risks involved in some of the activities children take part in, for example, swimming. Children have extremely good opportunities to have their say and express their views and ideas. For example, staff encourage children to talk about what they enjoy and what they would like to do.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff are extremely skilled, motivated and work extremely closely together. Staff listen to children and make excellent use of their interests. For example, on a nature trail, staff encouraged children to listen to the sounds around them. Children carefully listened and were very excited when they recognised the bird song as a woodpecker. Children concentrate intently and absorb themselves during activities. For example, they are extremely artistic and thoroughly enjoy investigating how to use different materials. The highly effective support from staff helps to encourage children to experiment and think through their own ideas. Staff nurture children's abilities and skilfully use every opportunity to help children gain new skills. For example, they encourage children to explain the rules of the game to their friends. This helps to boost their self-esteem and confidence highly effectively.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff work with parents extremely well to ensure they understand and meet each child's individual needs. Staff make excellent use of opportunities to extend children's awareness of the differences and similarities between themselves and others. For example, they consistently treat children with respect and encourage them to discuss events that are important to them at home. Children are highly motivated and enjoy vigorous outdoor activities. For example, they are extremely eager to take part in team games and swimming, and have fantastic opportunities to explore nature. However, the management has yet to extend even further the range of activities offered to children, particularly for those who prefer to be outside. Children show exceptionally high levels of confidence. They take managed risks, which helps them to learn about personal safety.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY479192
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	985243
Type of provision	Full-time provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	4 - 8
Total number of places	80
Number of children on roll	42
Name of registered person	The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901335
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0844 8707077

Ultimate Activity Camps at Prior's Field School registered in 2014. It is an out-of-school provision that is privately managed by the Ultimate Activity Company Ltd and runs from Prior's Field School in Godalming, Surrey. It is open on Monday to Friday during school holidays, from 8am to 6pm. The core activity hours are 9.30am to 4.30pm. The provision employs a maximum of eight staff and additional staff as needed to meet ratios. This includes a qualified lifeguard for swimming activities. The manager has a level 6 qualification and half of all other staff have appropriate qualifications.

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