

Hutton Moor Leisure Centre Camp Adventure



Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, BS22 8LY

Inspection date	22 December 2016
Previous inspection date	2 January 2013

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

- The experienced manager leads her team well. All staff work together to create a stimulating environment for children. Staff have individual meetings with the manager to identify their training needs. They regularly discuss how to continually improve children's experiences at the camp.
- Staff are warm and caring. They are popular with the children, who build strong emotional attachments with them and with their friends.
- The manager, deputy manager and staff are well qualified. They have a wealth of experience of working with children and provide fun activities. For example, children enjoy playing parachute games and making seasonal desserts to take home for their family.
- Staff and children work together to discuss and implement the camp's behaviour management expectations. Staff are positive role models and use effective strategies. Children behave well.
- Parents positively acknowledge the quality of the activities offered to their children. They are confident that their children are well cared for by the friendly staff.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not consistently gather detailed information about younger children's likes, dislikes and interests to further improve the settling-in process.
- Staff do not often encourage children to take care of their play environment to build on their developing sense of responsibility.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- involve parents and children more fully in providing more information about new children to further improve the settling-in process
- encourage children to take more responsibilities in caring for, and managing, their play environment.

Inspection activities

- The inspector carried out a joint observation with the deputy manager.
- The inspector observed children during play activities.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including children's records, confirmation of staff suitability, policies and procedures.
- The inspector talked with the children, the manager and staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of parents' views.
- The inspector toured the adventure camp premises.

Inspector

Julie Bright

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff undertake regular child protection training. They know the signs that may indicate that a child is at risk of harm. Staff understand what to do and who to contact should they have any concerns. Staff make sure all areas are safe before the children arrive at the adventure camp. The manager works closely with the local authority to follow safe recruitment and induction procedures including suitability checks for staff. The manager monitors and evaluates staff's practice through regular observations, discussions and supervision meetings. The manager is motivated and has a clear vision for improvement. She involves all staff, children and parents in the self-evaluation process. This helps to identify areas for further improvement, benefiting the children. For example, following parents' feedback, staff now display menus and activity routines on the notice board.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff use their experience and skills well. They provide a broad range of opportunities, interact warmly with children, and encourage them to participate in the routines and activities of the club. Staff talk to children about what they like doing at the club and encourage them to share their ideas. This helps children to develop a sense of belonging and motivates them to enjoy the activities. Staff sing and sign alongside children, using effective questioning to extend children's understanding and to challenge their thinking. Children thoroughly enjoy their time at the camp. Resources and activities, both indoors and outdoors, capture their interests. Children are motivated and engaged in their play. Children learn to celebrate and value other faiths and traditions. For instance, they make Hanukkah lanterns during the Christmas holidays.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

At mealtimes, all children are encouraged to pour their own drinks and collect their own sandwiches or, under supervision, serve some of their hot food. Children's behaviour is good. Staff have high expectations of all children and are very good role models. Children's emotional well-being is effectively promoted. Staff implement an effective key-person system and develop close bonds with children and their families. Staff involve children in devising their own rules and boundaries for the club. This helps them to know what is expected of them. Older children mix well with their younger friends and include them in their play and discussions. Parents comment positively on the way children grow in confidence.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY334989
Local authority	North Somerset
Inspection number	1062001
Type of provision	Out of school provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	5 - 8
Total number of places	120
Number of children on roll	6
Name of registered person	Parkwood Leisure Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP521386
Date of previous inspection	2 January 2013
Telephone number	01934 425900

Camp Adventure at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre registered in 2006. It operates from designated areas within the two-storey leisure centre in Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset. Camp Adventure is open from 8.30am to 5.15pm each weekday during school holidays. There are 13 staff who work with the children. The majority of staff, including the manager, hold level 3 qualifications.

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