

Wild Camp/Creche

North Herts Leisure Centre, Baldock Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 2ER



Inspection date

17 July 2017

Previous inspection date

11 March 2014

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		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the setting. They readily praise the good levels of care and teaching their children receive. Parents and children arrive at the creche with smiles on their faces, warmly welcomed by the kind and caring staff.
- The manager and supervisor have a good understanding of the setting's strengths and the aspects that could be even better. They meet regularly with staff to reflect on the quality of teaching and evaluate the activities provided and children's progress.
- Staff plan a wide range of stimulating activities for children to enjoy. Staff are effective at responding to children's interests. Children are making good progress in all areas of learning particularly in their personal, social and emotional development.
- Children are happy, safe and settled. Babies respond very well to the sensitive approaches used by staff. Children's behaviour is good. They understand the rules and routines of the creche and are kind and considerate to their friends.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff do not routinely ask parents to share information about children's achievements from home to contribute to children's ongoing learning and development.
- Occasionally, staff miss opportunities to ensure the older children are engaged in purposeful activities that are appropriately challenging to fully meet their learning needs.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- strengthen the opportunities for parents to share information about children's achievements from home to support children's learning and development further
- make the most of all opportunities to provide activities that are suitably challenging for the older children.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held meetings with the manager, the supervisor and other members of staff.
- The inspector spoke with some parents at the start and end of the creche session.
- The inspector looked at the setting's documentation related to safeguarding, children's records and information relating to children's learning and development.
- The inspector observed interactions between adults, children and babies in a variety of activities.
- The inspector looked at all areas of the setting used by children.

Inspector

Gary Rawlings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. The manager ensures that all staff are suitable to work with children and that staff training related to safeguarding is up to date. The manager and staff understand their responsibilities and know how to refer concerns about a child's welfare. Staff make sure the setting is safe for children and use risk assessments effectively. The manager is always looking for ways to improve the setting further and checks on the quality of provision regularly. She provides staff with many opportunities to share good practice and reflect on their work to continually improve the quality of teaching. Staff morale is high, communication is effective and staff work effectively as a team to ensure children are well cared for and making good progress.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provides a wide range of activities for children to enjoy. Staff interact with children effectively and promotes children's language and communication skills well. Staff make the most of opportunities to extend children's understanding of numbers, phonics, colours and shapes. Children enjoy stories, and staff use a good range of age-appropriate texts to engage children effectively. They talk to children about the characters in the stories and provides children with good opportunities to share their ideas. Children take part in a broad range of activities that develops their creativity well. For example, they have great fun joining in with the familiar songs. Staff observe children's learning and use this information well to identify children's next steps. Because of good quality teaching, children achieve well.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff get to know children well. Children arrive happily, excited to explore the activities provided. Care routines for babies are well established. Staff are sensitive to babies' needs and develop strong relationships with all children that attend. Staff have high expectations of the children and manage behaviour consistently well. The creche is a positive place for children to play and learn. Staff use the different areas of the creche well, including supporting children's physical development. Snack time is a sociable occasion where children of all ages eat together. Staff make good use of all opportunities to teach children the importance of healthy lifestyles. Children are motivated and confident and get on well with each other.

Outcomes for children are good

Children, including babies make good progress in their learning and development. Staff prepare children well for the next stage in their learning, such as the move to nursery or on to school. They provide babies with many good opportunities to develop their personal, social, emotional and physical skills successfully.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY313474
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	1087981
Type of provision	Sessional provision
Day care type	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	0 - 5
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	90
Name of registered person	Stevenage Leisure Ltd.
Registered person unique reference number	RP521048
Date of previous inspection	11 March 2014
Telephone number	01462 679311

Wild Camp/Creche registered in 2005 and is run by Stevenage Leisure Limited. They operate from North Herts Leisure Centre in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. The setting is located on the first floor. There are five members of staff, including the supervisor employed to work with the children in the creche. Of these, three hold a qualification at level 3 and two members of staff hold qualifications at level 2. The creche is open each morning for members of the leisure centre. Sessions run from 9.30am to 11am and from 11am to 12.30pm. The holiday club is open during the Easter and summer school holidays for children aged three to 12 years. Opening times are Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Extended hours are also available from 8.30am to 9am and from 5pm to 5.30pm.

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