

Barracudas (Chigwell)

Chigwell School, High Road, CHIGWELL, Essex, IG7 6QF



Inspection date 16 August 2017
Previous inspection date 16 April 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		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is good

- Children enjoy their time at the camp and are happy and relaxed. They choose from a varied range of interesting activities and experiences provided by the enthusiastic camp staff.
- Staff maintain good communication with parents. Parents are well informed about their children's day and the activities they have participated in.
- Staff have a good knowledge of the interests of the children. They provide creative and fun activities that support children's development. Children are motivated and fully engaged in their play as their choices are respected and supported.
- Children's social skills develop well. Children talk happily to their friends and confidently share their home experiences with attentive staff. Staff listen carefully to what children say, showing genuine interest in children's thoughts and ideas.
- Children learn to adopt healthy lifestyles. They relish the opportunity to choose to move between the indoor and outdoor environments. Children have plenty of opportunities throughout the day to be physically active. Staff talk to them about making healthy food choices and the importance of drinking water.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Procedures for supporting staff's professional development are not yet specifically targeted at raising the quality of their practice to a higher level.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- enhance the current arrangements for staff support and supervision and identify ways to raise the already good standard of practice to an even higher level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed areas of the premises used by the children.
- The inspector had discussions with managers, staff and the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, including children's records, health and safety policies and procedures, risk assessments, accident and incident reports, training records, induction, qualification and suitability checks.
- The inspector observed staff and children during various activities.
- The inspector gathered the views from parents available to speak to her.

Inspector

Clair Stockings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff have a good knowledge and demonstrate a sound understanding of their roles and responsibilities to help keep children safe. They know the signs and symptoms to look out for that may indicate abuse or neglect. This contributes to keeping children safe. Recruitment procedures and suitability checking of staff are thorough. Staff undergo good induction training prior to each holiday to ensure that they are well prepared ahead of each scheme. Children are constantly supervised and there are rigorous and regular risk assessments to safeguard children's welfare. Staff gain feedback from children and parents and use this information to ensure that every child is effectively supported within the camp. Parents speak positively about the camp and are complimentary of the care provided by the enthusiastic staff team. Consequently, children benefit from continuity of care and their individual needs are well met.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The environment is well resourced and children have access to a wide range of resources and activities both indoors and outside. Children are keen to engage with the enthusiastic staff. Staff support children's communication skills well. For example, they listen attentively as children use glove puppets to initiate a puppet show and introduce different characters as the story unfolds. Staff ask children questions and give them the time to consider their answers and respond fully. Children enjoy their leisure time and are developing their physical, creative and social skills as they take part in sports, arts and crafts and a stimulating range of challenging, enjoyable and adventurous activities. Children are forming friendships and are trying out a range of new skills. Staff energetically support children's individual needs and provide lots of praise and encouragement to celebrate their achievements.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff warmly welcome children and their parents at the start of the day. Secure registration routines ensure children are safely escorted into the camp and recorded on the attendance register. Children show good levels of confidence and independence as they explore the stimulating environment happily and with self-assurance. Familiar key staff work with younger children and form friendly and supportive relationships with them. Children's independence is well promoted because they are encouraged to make choices and do things for themselves. Behaviour is good because the staff are positive role models and have consistent expectations. The extensive outside area allows children to enjoy physical play in the open air. Children learn to use equipment safely and are supported by attentive staff. This helps them develop a good awareness of their own safety.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY441146
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	1088131
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	4 - 14
Total number of places	96
Number of children on roll	24
Name of registered person	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP900856
Date of previous inspection	16 April 2014
Telephone number	08451235299

Barracudas (Chigwell) registered in 2012. The camp is open Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm, during the Easter and summer school holidays. The provider employs 30 members of staff, 10 of whom have qualified teacher status.

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