

Atlas Camps Gloucester

Longlevens Infant School, Paygrove Lane, Gloucester, GL2 0AX



Inspection date	21 December 2017
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
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 management team uses feedback from children, parents and staff to identify changes and improvements. It takes on board suggestions from parents, such as introducing a whiteboard to provide them with more information about what children have done while at the camp.
- Children show very good consideration for others. For example, they help younger children when they fall over, show them better ways to cut out patterns, and help them back indoors after playing outdoors.
- Children have very strong attachments with the staff. Staff offer praise and suggestions that reward children's efforts, motivate them and help them gain confidence.
- Managers monitor staff well and support their continuing professional development. For example, recent meetings with other camp staff supported the planning of more varied activities and experiences offered to the children.

It is not yet outstanding because:

- Staff sometimes miss chances to support children more to help them remain engaged and persevere during self-chosen activities confidently.
- On occasion, staff do not make sure children are listening fully when giving them messages about moving safely around the setting or what will happen next, so they know what is expected of them.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- help staff to recognise and acknowledge when children may need support or encouragement to persevere during self-chosen activities confidently
- improve the consistency of messages for children about how to keep themselves and others safe when changing activities or moving around the setting.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of interactions indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from online written testimonials.
- The inspector carried out a joint evaluation of the activities with the nominated individual.
- The inspector talked with the nominated individual, manager, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector sampled paperwork, including staff personnel records and training, the attendance register for children, policies and procedures, and children's records.

Inspector

Anita McKelvey

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Managers reflect well on the quality of the camp to make sure they provide stimulating activities that meet children's needs and interests, including through appropriate professional development of staff skills. For example, they recognised that not all children wanted to play sports, so they developed staff knowledge and skills to help them plan more varied activities to engage and motivate the children. Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. All staff and management know what to do in the event of concerns about the welfare of a child, to protect children from harm.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff provide welcoming environments for the children, greeting them enthusiastically and providing a range of physical and craft activities for children to enjoy. Some children join in enthusiastically with a game of dodgeball, while others decide to make decorations for the tree or ice biscuits. Staff participate well with the children and provide them with plenty of encouragement. For example, as children take part in an obstacle race, staff join in, passing equipment to children, offering suggestions about how to go through the tunnel and celebrate enthusiastically as children throw the beanbag successfully into the hoop. Children enjoy being creative. For example, they eagerly cut out shapes and patterns to create snowflakes and stars, and they choose their favourite colour to colour them in. They cover biscuits in icing sugar and choose which sprinkles they will add. Children use their imagination well, for example, as they create storylines for toy dragons and make dens for them in which to hide. Children enjoy being physical outdoors, including using climbing or balancing equipment, and playing chasing games.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Staff make sure they keep children safe, such as when they talk with children about their personal safety and get them to take part in emergency evacuations. Children show an extremely good understanding of, and manage, emotions well. For example, older children manage their disappointment well when they do not win a race. Instead, they encourage and help younger ones to complete the different tasks in the race to develop their physical skills. Staff talk with children about healthy lifestyles. For instance, they discuss eating sandwiches first at lunchtime and remind them to drink plenty of water after they have been running about. They offer chances for children to make choices and help them respect others. For example, children choose which activities they wish to take part in and vote on which movie to watch while they eat lunch, accepting the one with the most votes.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY496541
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	1034105
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	38
Number of children on roll	3
Name of registered person	Atlas All-Stars Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901093
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	07837788074

Atlas Camps Gloucester registered in 2015. The club operates in Longlevens Infant School. It offers care from 9am to 4pm on Monday to Friday in the school holidays only. The camp has an early drop-off time of 8am and a late pick-up time of 5pm. There are four staff who work directly with the children.

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