Highbury Roundhouse Holiday Playscheme



Aubert Court Community Centre, Avenell Road, London, N5 1BL

Inspection date	4 April 2018
Previous inspection date	17 August 2015

The quality and standards of the	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
early years provision	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and man	nagement	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and assess	sment	Outstanding	1
Personal development, behaviour and v	welfare	Outstanding	1
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- Managers are extremely committed to providing a highly effective service to children and their families. Managers are always looking for ways to improve the setting and routinely respond to parents' and children's ideas and suggestions.
- Parents are overwhelmingly pleased with the club. They are particularly impressed with the high levels of care and attention their children receive.
- Staff use what they know about children's interests exceptionally well to plan activities that are enjoyable, exciting and appropriate for different age groups. All staff have high expectations of themselves and strive to provide high-quality experiences for children to enjoy.
- Children's behaviour is excellent. Older children are positive role models for the younger ones. All children demonstrate high levels of self-esteem and confidence. Staff are highly skilled at meeting children's needs and supporting their emotional well-being.
- Children settle quickly and respond brilliantly to the well-embedded routines. They enjoy all aspects of the club and the chance to make new friends. Parents say that many children return to the club during every school holiday because they feel so welcome.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

share the best practice that exists within the club so that staff interactions with children are consistently of the highest quality.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held meetings with the managers and had informal discussions with other members of staff, including the deputy manager.
- The inspector looked at all parts of the club that the children use.
- The inspector observed children's play and their interactions with staff both inside the club and in the outdoor area.
- The inspector considered the written responses from parents as well as speaking to several parents at the start of the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a range of documents, including safeguarding information and records related to staff suitability, activity plans and the setting's policies and procedures.

Inspector

Gary Rawlings

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

Safeguarding is effective. Managers implement robust systems to ensure that all staff are suitable to work with children. Staff attend training regularly to keep up to date with the latest child protection legislation. Staff know how to report concerns about children's welfare and have a strong understanding of how to promote children's well-being. Managers provide excellent opportunities for staff development. They invest in training, for example, and support staff to achieve professional qualifications. Staff are highly committed to continually improving the quality of their work and act on the advice given during regular meetings with managers. Managers plan to use the excellent programme of staff development to share the best practice that exists within the club so that staff interactions with children are consistently of the highest quality. Managers' work with children, parents and the community is highly effective. Partnerships between the club and the schools that children attend are extremely strong. All staff know the children well and use highly effective systems to share information with teachers and parents.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Children have great fun at the club. Managers consider children's ideas and interests very carefully and plan exciting activities each day. The timetable incorporates a wide range of opportunities for children to enjoy themselves, including trips to London landmarks. As well as the planned activities, children have excellent opportunities to choose toys, games and resources for themselves. They delight in creating Easter masks and are mesmerised by what happens to the shaving foam when they add coloured dye. Indoors and outside, children enjoy physical activities and play extremely well together on the bouncy castle, climbing frames, swings and slides. The skilled staff support children's imaginative play very well. Children play happily in the pretend shop, for example, while others create impressive dens from different materials. Staff provide opportunities for competitive play, which children enjoy. They know exactly how to join in children's play and provide excellent opportunities for children to play and learn together.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children of all ages arrive eager to join in the fun. Older children support the younger ones and praise their achievements, for example, when they score a penalty for the first time when playing football. Lunchtime is a calm and social occasion. Staff embed routines very well, with staff and children chatting quietly together about their day. Staff are excellent role models for behaviour. They are extremely positive and kind, and this supports children's well-being exceptionally well. The youngest children have a nominated key person who understands their needs and interests very successfully. Staff make the most of all opportunities to promote children's self-esteem. Parents say that their children are safe, well cared for and have a great time at the club.

Setting details

Unique reference numberEY450352Local authorityIslingtonInspection number1131911

Type of provisionOut of school provision

Childcare - Non-Domestic

Registers Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare

Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Age range of children 4 - 8

Total number of places 60

Number of children on roll 17

Name of registered person Highbury Roundhouse Association Limited

Registered person unique RP520975

reference number

Date of previous inspection 17 August 2015

Telephone number 0207 3595916

Highbury Roundhouse Holiday Playscheme registered in 2012. It is located in a community centre in the London Borough of Islington. The setting employs 10 members of staff. The manager has a degree in education and all remaining staff are qualified at level 3 or level 2. The playscheme operates in the school holidays from 8am to 6pm.

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