

Barracudas (Ripley)

Ripley Court School, Rose Lane, Ripley, Woking, Surrey, GU23 6NE



Inspection date	11 April 2018
Previous inspection date	28 July 2015

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

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is outstanding

- The strong management team is dedicated to providing high-quality care for children. Managers value the views of staff, children and their parents and consistently evaluate the quality of the services that they provide. For example, they continually review the rich and varied activities on offer and implement new ideas to help ensure children are always stimulated and have great fun.
- Children have excellent opportunities to extend on their skills and knowledge, and rapidly build on these. For example, they develop excellent hand-eye coordination as they learn how to safely take part in fencing lessons. They concentrate extremely well and listen attentively to staff's instructions.
- Staff are well qualified and extremely skilled. They create a safe, child-friendly environment and are highly observant of children's well-being and safety. Children have excellent relationships with staff. They show high levels of confidence and are extremely well behaved.
- Parents speak extremely highly about the service provided. They say that their children always ask to attend and they have tremendous fun.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- extend and embed the extremely good partnership working with the host school to other providers children also attend to maintain and develop this at the highest level.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the activities indoors and outdoors. She observed the interactions between the children and the staff.
- The inspector spoke to members of the management team, staff and children at appropriate times. She engaged in children's play.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation with one of the managers and discussed the activities provided.
- The inspector held discussions with the management team. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the safeguarding policy, risk assessments and evidence of the suitability of staff working with the children.
- The inspector spoke to parents and took account of their views.

Inspector

Maura Pigram

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is outstanding

The management team is extremely competent and knowledgeable. It focuses on preparation and training for staff, which has a significant impact on how they all work extremely well together. Staff value the training that they receive, such as the thorough inductions and the comprehensive booklets which contain a wealth of information to help them fulfil their roles. Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Staff demonstrate an excellent understanding of their responsibility to protect children. There are robust recruitment procedures to help ensure the suitability of staff. The regular monitoring of staff performance leads to a high level of consistent practice. The managers value the wide range of skills children achieve and share this information with professionals from the host school. They have identified that they would like to extend this partnership working to other schools where children attend.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

The enthusiastic staff engage positively with children to help them reach their full potential. Several of them have experience of working with children, such as through their roles as trainee teachers. Staff plan activities related to topics and children's interests, such as sport activities, drama, and arts and crafts. They are very mindful of supporting children's ongoing formal learning at school. Staff instinctively know when to intervene to support and extend children's thoughts and ideas. They successfully help them to become deeply involved in their chosen activities. For example, staff engage children in superb discussions about planets and how scientists measure the size of planets. Children excitingly contribute to the discussions and continue to make detailed drawings and models related to the topic. This contributes to children's increasing vocabulary and their understanding about the wider world.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff provide children with a friendly welcome and effectively help new children to quickly feel secure. Children rapidly engage in play and happily make new friends. Staff provide children with plenty of opportunities to express their own preferences throughout the day. This helps children to develop a strong sense of ownership at the camp. Since the last inspection, staff have made positive changes to ensure waiting times for popular activities, such as go-karts, are reduced and consistently well used. They now also offer children an additional activity or game while waiting for their turn. This has a significant impact on children's positive engagement. Children are encouraged to develop a healthy lifestyle. Staff provide rewards, such as stickers, for choosing healthy options for their snack. Children have ample opportunities to build on and extend their physical skills. For example, they delight in their achievements during tennis games and enjoy regular visits to the woods where they work together to build dens.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY407224
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	1130716
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 - 8
Total number of places	240
Number of children on roll	152
Name of registered person	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP900856
Date of previous inspection	28 July 2015
Telephone number	0845 123 5299

Barracudas (Ripley) registered in 2010. It is one of several holiday camps run by Young World Leisure Group Limited. It operates from Ripley Court School in Woking, Surrey. It is open Monday to Friday during the Easter and summer school holiday periods. Opening hours are from 8am to 6pm. The camp employs 24 members of staff. They all hold appropriate qualifications at level 3 or above. Lifeguards and specialist sports instructors are also employed.

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