Aktiva Camps At Ark Priory



A R K Priory Primary Academy, Acton Lane, London W3 8NR

Inspection date	17 January 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Outstanding Not applicable	1
Effectiveness of leadership and manage	gement	Outstanding	1
Quality of teaching, learning and asses	ssment	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 provider has excellent leadership skills that inspire all those that work at the club. This helps the manager and staff to deliver the best possible care for the children.
- The manager and staff are highly committed to their roles and responsibilities. They skilfully create an atmosphere of strong mutual trust and respect for others. This contributes significantly to children's emotional well-being.
- Staff make extremely good use of time to ensure that children benefit greatly from coming to the club. For example, they immediately engage children on arrival and sensitively support children's play. Children have lots of fun interacting with staff and other children.
- Staff work in conjunction with the on-site school and follow the strict regulations for safeguarding children. Senior teachers find that Aktiva staff have very positive attitudes when receiving feedback from them. This helps staff to make rapid and sustained improvements for the children and their families.
- Staff provide young children with a key person, who is extremely experienced in supporting children's all-round development.
- Young children thrive at this club because there is a wealth of opportunities that complement their learning at school. This includes opportunities for creative, explorative and investigative play. Children show high levels of concentration and motivation during activities.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

■ build on the professional development programme for staff to maintain excellence in practice and skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the provider, manager and staff about the selfevaluation process.
- The inspector observed practice, indoors and outdoors, and the impact this has on children's all-round development.
- The inspector read some of the setting's documentation, including the safeguarding policy and checked staff's records.
- The inspector invited a member of the senior management team to participate in a joint observation.
- The inspector spoke with parents and senior staff members from the school that children attend to gain their views.

Inspector

Marisol Hernandez-Garn

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The provider has an excellent understanding of his obligations to implement the statutory requirements. He works very closely with others to help evaluate the impact of what they do on children's well-being and development. The manager and staff receive thorough support and coaching from the outset. For example, following training, they have enhanced their knowledge and skills that greatly benefit children's behaviour. As part of the provider's commitment, he plans to extend the opportunities for staff's professional development to maintain their performance at the highest level. Safeguarding is effective. The manager and staff have an in-depth understanding of how to identify and report any child protection concerns. They are extremely vigilant in their supervision of children and follow rigorous procedures for checking the environments to help keep children safe. The manager and staff adhere to the club's strict processes for reviewing their initial and ongoing suitability to work with children.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff expertly observe children's play and plan carefully chosen themes that match children's varying interests. For example, children have lots of fun as they make Japanese lanterns, Kenyan necklaces and carnival masks. They show a great sense of fascination in finding out about themselves and others. This helps to enhance children's already excellent understanding of the world. Staff build on children's self-confidence very successfully. For instance, they make superb use of questions to encourage children to express their thoughts and ideas. Children delight in sharing what they know and communicate this very well using extended vocabulary. Staff are highly consistent in their approach which helps children to fully understand what is expected of them. Children respond promptly to staff and follow instructions without any delay.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Staff are exceptionally warm and attentive to all children's needs. They form secure relationships with the children. The young boys and girls are very settled and show that they feel extremely comfortable. Children's behaviour is outstanding. They are exceptionally welcoming and mix cooperatively with each other. Staff focus sharply on supporting children's physical development. For example, they ensure that children take part in energetic outdoor games as part of the daily routines. Children learn to master their coordination, body control and big muscle movements while playing outside. Staff provide children with nutritious and varied snacks in support of their healthy lifestyles. Children develop a superb understanding of how to look after themselves from a very early age. They are exceptionally independent and show that they can manage age-appropriate risks. Staff make tremendous efforts to share information with parents to ensure continuity of care. Parents interviewed during the inspection praised the many interesting activities on offer and said they find that staff are very kind and do a 'great job'.

Setting details

Unique reference numberEY537483Local authorityEalingInspection number10086641

Type of provision Childcare on non-domestic premises

Registers

Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare
Registers

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Register, Voluntary Childcare Register

Day care typeOut-of-school day care

Age range of children 3 - 8

Total number of places 32

Number of children on roll 3

Name of registered person Aktiva Camps Limited

Registered person unique

reference number

RP901383

Telephone numberNot applicable
020 3551 8909

Aktiva Camps At Ark Priory registered in 2016 and it operates from Ark Priory Primary Academy in the London Borough of Ealing. The club runs from 4pm until 6pm, Monday to Thursday and 3pm until 6pm on a Friday. It employs three full-time staff; of these one has completed an early years qualification at level 3 and two hold relevant qualifications at level 2.

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