

Ultimate Activity Camps At Manor House School



Manor House School, Manor House Lane, Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 4EN

Inspection date	17 April 2019
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Good	2
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of 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 organisation very successfully recruits, vets and retains suitably experienced and qualified staff. The induction programme for new staff is thorough and staff are provided with good-quality training, especially in relation to health and safeguarding.
- Children's health, behavioural and emotional needs are very well considered and supported by kind staff. Younger children are helped to settle in and make friends when they attend for the first time by designated early years trained staff. Older children are extremely kind and caring towards younger children. Behaviour across the age groups is exemplary.
- Children develop new interests and skills as they take part in a good range of well-supervised sporting activities, adventure games and arts and crafts. Children say 'camp is fun'.
- Children are not provided with the best possible opportunities to represent and develop their own ideas. For example, art and craft activities are often focused on children producing an end product pre-determined by staff. Pretend-play areas are not well presented and resourced to challenge and inspire children of school age.
- The camp is not well equipped with a great variety of age-appropriate toys to meet children's needs and to fully sustain their interest during the free-play period.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- challenge children more to represent and develop their own ideas during imaginative play and in art and design
- increase play resources to better ensure these provide sufficient challenge and encouragement for children to engage in more sustained play.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of the activities provided indoors and outdoors and the impact of these on children.
- The inspector conducted joint observations of staff's engagement with children with members of the management team.
- The inspector sought and took account of the views of parents.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation, including children's records and evidence of staff suitability.

Inspector

Amanda Tyson

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is good

Arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Leaders and staff have a very secure understanding of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect, and exposure to extreme and radical views and practices. They fully understand the procedures to follow if they are concerned about a child's welfare. They use risk assessment robustly to help keep children safe. Improvement plans, based on good use of self-evaluation, are astute. For example, portable first-aid kits are being introduced as a supplement to the main one. Training is being introduced to promote self-evaluation to staff. Partnership with parents is good. Parents are well informed about the activity programme and children's well-being. They are impressed at how well staff help children to settle in and make friends.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff prepare children well for activities as they enthusiastically explain rules and concepts, for example for collecting items and observing living creatures on nature hunts. Children have a great time exploring the woods. They are intrigued as they discover not just centipedes but millipedes too and are helped by staff to understand the difference. Children have fun as they take part in the popular 'escape and invasion' game staff organise. Staff are well trained and qualified to teach specific sports, such as tennis, swimming and football. Children are proud of the new skills they develop and this is well demonstrated as they showcase their roller-boarding and tennis abilities and confidently take part in competitions.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

The premises are well suited to provide for younger children's well-being needs. They have their own base-room, which has direct access to a secure outdoor play area. There are areas indoors where they can engage in restful activities, such as looking at books, if needed after lunch. Strategies such as a picture timetable, ensure that children who cannot yet read are well informed of the camp routine and when each activity is happening. Children understand and follow the camp rules, for example for being escorted to the toilet. Snack and lunchtimes are very well organised by staff to enable younger and older children to socialise together. Staff are extremely vigilant in ensuring that children remember to refill their water bottles and take regular sips to prevent the onset of thirst. Children are enthusiastic and keen to 'have a go' at new types of activity. They are introduced to teamwork by staff and encouraged to help each other, for instance in learning to balance and ride a two-wheeled bicycle.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY545364
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	10101315
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children	4 - 14
Total number of places	96
Number of children on roll	54
Name of registered person	The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901335
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	0330 1117077

Ultimate Activity Camps At Manor House School registered in 2017. It is one of 38 holiday playschemes owned by The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd. The camp operates from the premises of Manor House School in Bookham, Surrey for five weeks of the school summer holidays, May half term and two weeks over Easter. Opening times are between 8am and 6pm on weekdays. Seven staff are currently employed to work with the children. The camp leader for the Easter camp holds a teaching qualification at level 5. The early years leader holds a level 6 qualification and has qualified teacher status. Two other staff hold level 6 sports-related qualifications.

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