

Barracudas (Brighton)

Patcham High School, Ladies Mile Road, BRIGHTON BN1 8PB



Inspection date	6 August 2019
Previous inspection date	10 August 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Outstanding	1
	Previous inspection:	Outstanding	1
Effectiveness of 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 highly inspirational management team leads the staff with vigour. Staff are vigilant. Access to and from buildings is carefully supervised. Procedures are known well by staff, parents and carers. The efficient deployment of staff in the camp is key to making sure that they meet every child's needs exceptionally well.
- The management team is inspirational in its pursuit of providing the highest-quality care for children. They consistently evaluate the quality of the provision and quickly act on the views of staff, parents and children.
- The camp is an orderly place where children respect staff and one another. Children's conduct is exceptional. They are polite, respectful and welcoming. They are inquisitive and eager to talk with visitors. They know how to respect the views of others and how to be kind to one another.
- There are highly stimulating play spaces for the children indoors and outdoors. Children are very energetic, and staff make effective use of the school playing fields and play spaces to provide superb opportunities for children's physical play.
- Parents speak exceptionally highly of the setting. Their comments include 'They have such an amazing time. I've never seen such an enthusiastic team and such good activities. The organisation is extremely professional'.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- continue to review and explore professional development opportunities to sustain excellence in staff's practice and skills.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of staff's interactions and play during activities and assessed the impact this has on children's development.
- The inspector spoke to the management team, staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector carried out a joint observation of children's learning and staff's practice, with a senior member of staff.
- The inspector took into account the views of parents spoken to on the day and their written comments.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of persons working with children. The inspector also discussed with the manager how she reflects on practice.

Inspector
Shan Jones

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding

The management team is uncompromising in its pursuit of excellence for children. The team gathers an abundance of information from parents when a child starts. This helps staff to plan effectively for children, reduce any undue stress and anxiety, and help children feel emotionally secure very quickly. Once at camp, staff go out of their way to provide worthwhile experiences for children. Safeguarding is effective. Staff demonstrate an excellent understanding of how to act on concerns about the welfare of a child. Recruitment is robust, and the management team is meticulous in ensuring staff's ongoing suitability. It monitors staff and evaluates their practice robustly. Among other things, it completes regular peer observations and targets professional development sharply. Further mentoring and support from experienced staff ensure that all new staff settle quickly and develop highly effective practice. The management team has identified further opportunities to support the already excellent professional development of staff to sustain the high-quality provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is outstanding

Staff expertly support children's language skills exceptionally well. This includes children who speak English as an additional language. Staff use a wide range of strategies, providing one-to-one support and helping children to make connections in their learning of the world around them. Staff sensitively raise children's awareness of the needs of others. They engage in sports games linked to the Paralympic Games where children re-enact the experiences of blind or partially sighted people. Children are inquisitive; they play imaginatively, ask questions and follow instructions. Staff create a strong sense of anticipation and excitement as they introduce activities to children. Challenging activities for children include laboratory science experiments, such as mixing emulsions and oils. Children relish stage performing arts using wound make-up with body clay and fake blood.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are outstanding

Children flourish in this vigorous club. They engage with energy, enthusiasm and pleasure. Children show extremely high levels of confidence as they walk around the club to the different sessions. They sing the team song in unison with staff and hold hands with their buddy during the walk. This has a positive impact on children's emotional well-being, and they demonstrate an exceptionally strong sense of belonging. Every opportunity is taken to promote the camp's own values, and how they link to British values and celebrate diversity, and remind children of the importance of respect and care for one another. This adds significantly to children's well-being, and social and cultural development. All children recognise when to take breaks from energetic games and independently access water to cool themselves down.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY442332
Local authority	Brighton and Hove
Inspection number	10112946
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	188
Number of children on roll	670
Name of registered person	Young World Leisure Group Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP900856
Date of previous inspection	10 August 2015
Telephone number	01480 467 567

Barracudas (Brighton) opened in 2012. It is one of 46 activity camps run by Young World Leisure Group Limited. The activity camp operates in Patcham High School in Brighton, West Sussex. The camp operates each weekday for four weeks during the summer holidays from 8am to 6pm and also operates for two weeks at Easter. There are 28 members of staff. Of whom, three hold qualified teacher status, six hold qualifications at level 6, four at level 5, seven at level 4 and eight at level 3.

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