

# Inspection of Ultimate Activity Camps At Lingfield College

Lingfield College Prep, Racecourse Road, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PH

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Inspection date:

11 August 2021

**The quality and  
standards of early  
years provision**

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## **What is it like to attend this early years setting?**

### **This provision meets requirements**

Children arrive at camp with eagerness, anticipation and excitement for the day. They quickly make friends and talk happily about the wide range of activities they have experienced. Children who are new, or do not know any other children on their first day, are supported extremely well by staff. Activities are carefully planned to engage children, provide fun and enjoyment, and teach children different skills. For example, children learn the rules of dodgeball and recognise how to play it safely to avoid injuries. Younger children delight in listening to creative stories and pretend to move like various animals.

Children behave extremely well. They listen attentively to staff and follow instructions carefully. For example, children clearly explain what actions they need to take if the fire alarm sounds. They have practised these routines regularly and staff have explained how important it is to stay safe.

Children form positive relationships with the camp staff. They laugh together and both adults and children enjoy taking part in all camp activities. There is a continual fun, vibrant and happy atmosphere throughout the camp. Children say they feel safe with the staff and know they will help them and keep them safe.

### **What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?**

- The camp is managed exceptionally well. Head office staff have high expectations of how each camp should run. Leaders train staff to a high standard. They make sure all company policies and procedures are clearly understood and consistently implemented. Senior managers carry out frequent visits to camp to support leaders. They make sure the company's vision for outstanding quality is always reflected in camp practice.
- The company's recruitment policy is rigorous and robust. For example, head office staff carefully select high calibre staff with extensive professional experience; many are qualified teachers. They bring their own expertise and teaching styles and manage groups of children extremely well.
- Staff are highly vigilant in supporting children's health and safety. Children remain in groups according to their age. Some routines have been amended slightly to take account of health guidance issued following the pandemic. Leaders work tirelessly to implement comprehensive COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic risk assessments. They successfully maintain the camp's ethos, while keeping children, staff and parents safe.
- Staff know the children extremely well and are very responsive to their different needs. Head office staff obtain detailed information from parents before children start at camp. This means staff fully understand each child's personal needs. For

example, they know the individual children who might need more support to try new things. Staff are also fully aware of every child's health needs. They are exceptionally vigilant in checking the camp's 'no-nut' policy is followed. Staff react promptly when they need to check specific allergens to keep all children safe.

- Staff plan the camp timetable carefully to make sure every child can take part. Activities are organised according to age groups and children's abilities. They offer different levels of appropriate challenge. For example, younger children take part in activities, such as a treasure hunt, while older children take part in pedal kart races.
- The camp operates from a safe, secure and spacious site. Leaders select host schools carefully. They make sure the camp's vision of delivering a full range of fun and engaging activities can take place successfully.
- Camp staff work closely with any other adults located on site to make sure children are consistently kept safe. For example, any unauthorised visitor is challenged. School maintenance teams communicate clearly with camp staff. They make sure children are kept away from any machinery or areas where work is taking place.
- Staff are highly committed and dedicated to their role. They work hard to continually provide a fun, lively and engaging atmosphere. Any rare incidents of unwanted behaviour are dealt with promptly and in line with the company's procedures.

## Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Children's safety is of paramount importance. Staff are highly trained in the company's safeguarding policies. They know exactly what to do if they have any concerns about a child's well-being. Stringent procedures are followed, and staff are vigilant in keeping children safe. Children learn about safety as they take part in new and different activities. They learn how to recognise potential dangers and manage risks effectively. For example, during art activities, staff sensitively remind children about how to use scissors carefully. In emergency situations, staff use radios to summon immediate help and assistance. They are in frequent communication with other staff and can quickly request the support of the camp leader. Comprehensive risk assessments cover all areas of camp practice. Staff are exceptionally vigilant in continually checking the premises to make sure children are always safe.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY556273
<b>Local authority</b>	Surrey
<b>Inspection number</b>	10174605
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	4 to 14
<b>Total number of places</b>	100
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	178
<b>Name of registered person</b>	The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP901335
<b>Telephone number</b>	0330 111 7077
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Ultimate Activity Camps at Lingfield College has been registered since 2018. It operates during school holidays from the preparatory school site of Lingfield College, in Lingfield, Surrey. Camps run from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during specific weeks of main school holidays. A team of seven staff work with the children. Of these, five are qualified teachers.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Jo Caswell

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting received since the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the staff and she has taken this into account in her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector viewed all areas of the school premises and grounds used by the children for camp activities.
- A senior manager spoke to the inspector about the company's policies and procedures and shared relevant documentation, such as confirmation of staff suitability checks, qualifications and first-aid training.
- Children talked to the inspector about what they most enjoy doing at camp.
- A small number of parents and carers spoke with the inspector and shared their feedback.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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