

# Inspection of Activ Camps At Barn Elms Sports Trust

Barn Elms Sports Trust, The London Marathon Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth Walk,  
London, Surrey SW13 9SA

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Inspection date:

23 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 happily arrive at the camp and quickly settle down and play with the resources available to them. For example, children enjoy looking at books together, drawing and completing large floor puzzles with their friends. Staff spend time getting to know the children, and are attentive to their individual needs. New children settle quickly in this safe and welcoming environment. Staff interact well with children and join in well with children's play, generating interest and conversation. Children are confident and have high levels of self-esteem. They behave well and show respect for others. Children build new friendships quickly, and thoroughly enjoy the activities the camp provides. Children have plenty of opportunity to be physically active in the large outdoor space. Staff plan exciting and challenging activities. They explain the rules and are patient and considerate towards the children. Younger children delight in playing a game of tag, where they run and chase each other with great enthusiasm. Older children develop their social skills as they take part in games that require teamwork and problem-solving. All children are encouraged to participate and enjoy activities to their full potential.

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

- Staff are well supported by leaders and managers. They receive a detailed induction about the organisation of the camp to help them to understand their roles and responsibilities. Staff work well together and share their skills and knowledge. They complete regular training, such as safeguarding and first aid, to help keep children safe.
- Children thoroughly enjoy their time at the camp. Everywhere you look, they are focused and engaged in play. Staff are attentive, and enthusiastically involve themselves in children's play and activities. They recognise when children may need some quiet time and sit with them, providing reassurance when needed. This helps children to develop a sense of belonging at the camp.
- Management and staff use various forms of self-evaluation to identify where future development is best targeted, and what has worked well. They seek the views of parents about particular activities their children have enjoyed and gather information about children's individual needs, choices, and interests before they start attending. They use this information to plan activities that children will enjoy the most.
- Children have plenty of opportunity to develop their physical skills, and spend the majority of time outdoors. They have great fun on the giant inflatable, which is supervised by the staff at all times. Children demonstrate a secure understanding of their own safety. They listen carefully as the staff explain the rules, and show enjoyment as they jump, slide and climb.

- Children enjoy spending time with each other and form good friendships. They eagerly join in the activities and games and play cooperatively together. They enjoy competing against each other, and excitedly work in teams during planned activities, such as relay races and assault courses.
- Children bring their own lunch, snacks and water bottle, and eat together. They thoroughly enjoy this social time and discuss what they have been doing and the activities they enjoy. Staff gather information from parents about children's allergies and medications, and follow detailed care plans to enable them to recognise when they need medication.
- The camp encourages older children to join their 'Young Leader Programme', giving children from 11-14 years the opportunity to develop their leadership and communication skills by supporting younger groups. This helps children to build their self-esteem as they take on responsibilities and learn how to organise and support their peers and younger children.
- Staff speak to parents when they arrive and discuss children's individual needs and interests. This is particularly valuable when new children attend the camp, and helps them to feel settled and secure. Parents comment that their children enjoy coming to the camp and that they are happy with the service provided. Staff provide parents with daily feedback on what their child has enjoyed during their time at the camp.
- The camp is fully inclusive and effective in supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Staff are aware of children's dietary and medical needs to ensure children's safety and well-being.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Staff have good knowledge of the signs and symptoms of possible abuse and neglect, including wider safeguarding issues, such as the 'Prevent' duty. They know the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about a child in their care. The management team follows safe recruitment procedures to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. All staff attend mandatory safeguarding training and keep up to date with changes in legislation and policy. Staff are deployed well to ensure good levels of supervision and support for all children. Robust risk assessments are in place and all areas of the camp are safe and secure.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2525188
<b>Local authority</b>	Richmond Upon Thames
<b>Inspection number</b>	10194618
<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>	88
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	352
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Activ Camps Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	2525187
<b>Telephone number</b>	07896546067
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Activ Camps at Barn Elms Sports Trust registered in 2019. They are situated in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. They provide a multi-activity camp for children from 4-14 years during Easter, half-terms and through the summer holiday. All staff have safeguarding training, and are suitable to work with children.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Frances Oliver

## 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 setting, and has taken this into account in her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector carried out a learning walk with the manager to discuss how the setting is organised. They discussed the range of activities provided both indoors and outdoors.
- A meeting was held with the manager. The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including evidence of staff suitability and training.
- Discussions were held with staff, parents and children at appropriate times during the inspection.

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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