

Inspection of Atlas Camps Chalford Hill

Chalford Hill CP School, Chalford Hill, Stroud GL6 8LG

Inspection date:

9 January 2023

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy a wide range of activities, and they are happy and enthusiastic on arrival. Activities and routines are well established, and children show confidence in these. Staff prepare activities prior to the children's arrival, and children settle quickly, interacting well with staff and their friends. Children freely access a wide range of activities as they wish. Children are calm. They show independence, and a friendly, bustling and chatty environment is quickly established.

The relationship between staff and children is very good. Staff are welcoming and greet all children enthusiastically. They are quick to praise children when they are being kind and helpful, and children clearly relish this and look for ways to support each other. Children display high levels of self-esteem and confidence. Children of different ages readily play with each other and show high levels of engagement. Staff model good language skills, and children adopt these when socialising with each other or when sitting for snack time.

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

- Staff are passionate about the care they provide and have established excellent relationships with the children. Children confidently approach them to play or help with something.
- Staff receive comprehensive training before they start working with the children. They have a wealth of skills that they draw on to maximise enjoyment and engagement for the children. Staff have access to regular, robust professional development opportunities and engage with these with enthusiasm, knowing they enhance the experience of the children they care for.
- Staff are excellent role models for the children. They help children to play cooperatively, solve problems and recognise their own achievements. For example, the children enjoy designing their own dance routine, and staff are quick to praise and share in the children's joy and pride.
- Staff are reflective and focus on children's engagement at the camp. They skilfully adapt the experiences they provide to meet the care needs and requests of the children.
- Staff well-being is high. They receive regular visits from camp managers and relish the face-to-face support this provides.
- Children enjoy a wide range of foods, and snack-time routines and expectations have been established so that the eating experience is sociable and inviting for the children. Children chat animatedly with each other while engaging in a high-quality mealtime.
- Staff set up inviting activities that ensure the children's interests are catered for. Children choose from gymnastics mats, soft ball, construction and creative craft.

They freely access puzzles and board games and relish playing these with the staff and their friends.

- Staff monitor children effectively. However, when activities are taking place in the outside environment, the placement of staff needs further consideration.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

The provider ensures that staff complete training to keep their child protection knowledge up to date. Staff are aware of the signs of neglect and abuse and know the internal and local referral procedures to follow if they have concerns. Staff identify and successfully minimise potential risks, both indoors and outdoors. The provider has robust recruitment and supervision procedures. These ensure staff's ongoing suitability to work with children.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2601913
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	10251584
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 at time of inspection	4 to 11
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	27
Name of registered person	Atlas All-Stars Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901093
Telephone number	0800 772 0743
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Atlas Camps Chalford Hill registered in 2020. It is one of 18 settings run by the company and is located in Stroud, Gloucestershire. The group is open during term time only, from 3.30pm to 5.45pm. The group employs three members of staff. The manager holds a degree in sports education, and other staff hold relevant qualifications and experience.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Shirley Evel

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke to children to find out about their time at the setting.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- The inspector spoke with the nominated individual about the leadership and management of the setting.
- The inspector observed the interactions between the staff and the children.
- The nominated individual showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

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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