

Inspection of LEAPS Suffolk

Stone Lodge Academy, Stone Lodge Lane West, Ipswich, Suffolk IP2 9HW

Inspection date: 3 April 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The manager and her staff demonstrate a clear understanding of how to safeguard children. They know the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect and how to refer any concerns appropriately. Staff demonstrate how they conduct daily checks to identify and to remove any potential hazards to children.
- Through discussion, staff demonstrate high expectations for children's behaviour. The manager explains how staff help children to develop positive social relationships and how they incorporate respect for others, sharing, turn taking and quiet spaces into daily activities.
- The manager understands the importance of encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle through balanced snacks, being physically active and spending time outdoors. Children have access to a secure garden, including a playing field and adventure playground.
- The manager explains how staff build secure bonds with children to help them settle in happily and to promote their emotional well-being and independence. The manager explains how staff access detailed care plans to support them in ensuring children's individual needs are met.
- Through discussion, the manager shows how she recognises the importance of working closely with parents and other professionals, to help promote children's continuity of care and learning. She details the registration process used to support this and to aid communication between home and the setting.
- The manager explains how she keeps staff knowledge up to date and refreshes their skills. For example, she provides online training and regular staff briefings. Staff comment on how helpful her quizzes on different topics are to check their learning.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Setting details

Unique reference number	2503988
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10239026
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	30
Number of children on roll	90
Name of registered person	LEAPS Suffolk Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	2503987
Telephone number	07761397535
Date of previous inspection	14 April 2022

Information about this early years setting

LEAPS Suffolk registered in 2019. The setting employs 17 members of childcare staff. Of these, five hold appropriate qualifications at level 3 and above, including one with qualified teacher status. The setting opens for occasional days during the school holidays from 9am till 3.30pm. Saturday sessions are from 9am to 12 midday and from 1pm to 4pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kate Oakley

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The provider gave the inspector a tour of the areas of the premises used by children and discussed the equipment, toys and activities available.
- The inspector discussed with the provider how she delivers the service for children and parents.
- The provider explained to the inspector how she evaluates the effectiveness of the service she provides to children. The inspector discussed with the provider the importance of including parents, other professionals and agencies in children's care. She also viewed written feedback from parents.
- The inspector reviewed the provider's knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She looked at documentation, including training and induction records and the evidence of staff suitability.
- The inspector held discussions with staff about their training, induction experiences and safeguarding knowledge.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.

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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