

# Inspection of Fun Fest Holiday Club Watford

Hartsbourne J M I School, Hartsbourne Road, Bushey Heath, BUSHEY WD23 1SJ

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Inspection date:

8 August 2023

**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 are excited to arrive and spend time at this holiday club. They are greeted by enthusiastic staff and rush to join their friends. Children of all ages become deeply absorbed exploring a variety of exciting activities and resources. For example, some children demonstrate their artistic skills creating coasters. Others choose to work in teams solving clues and breaking codes. Children have access to extensive outdoor play opportunities. They organise football and basketball matches and compete in their club sports day.

Children are kind and demonstrate empathy towards one another. They identify when other children may be nervous or unsure and are swift to reassure them and invite them into their play. Children take pride in completing tasks and taking on additional responsibilities in the club. Staff reward children's efforts, achievements and conduct during daily reward ceremonies where they present certificates.

Children of all ages are highly confident and demonstrate they feel safe and secure in the holiday club. They engage incredibly well with visitors and staff, chatting to them enthusiastically about their favourite activities and inviting them to join in their play.

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

- Children behave well in the holiday club. Staff organise regular group sessions to discuss the rules and why they are important. This supports children's understanding of appropriate behaviour. Staff are excellent role models. They are polite, demonstrate excellent manners and are respectful towards adults and children.
- Parents are highly complementary about staff and the quality of care they provide. They comment on the wonderful variety of activities staff plan, and how they support the interests of all children. Parents value the caring approach of the provider and staff. They all comment on how their children look forward to attending during the holidays.
- Staff interact exceptionally well with children throughout the day. They engage them in meaningful discussions, where children's thoughts and ideas are valued. Young children in particular have opportunities to explore new and descriptive language. For example, they discuss the different textures of unusual fruits in a painting activity. Staff regularly model new vocabulary that enhances children's knowledge of the English language.
- Staff display consistently high levels of enthusiasm during all activities. This supports children to become deeply absorbed in play. Staff support children's curiosity well during all activities. They ask age-appropriate questions, allowing

children plenty of time to think and respond. For example, staff give children challenging clues to guess the various fruits they have hidden.

- Staff are highly qualified and knowledgeable about the way children develop. They skilfully plan an exciting and stimulating environment that they adapt well to meet a broad age range of children. For example, young children make pirate masks in a role-play activity. Older children create elaborate maps, and hunt for treasure by solving clues and cracking codes.
- Staff communicate well with families and develop a deep understanding of children's individual needs and interests. Young children have a named member of staff to focus on their emotional well-being as well as their learning and development. This supports children to settle well and enjoy their time in the holiday club.
- The provider conducts supervision meetings with staff to identify areas for development. Staff regularly access additional online and face-to-face training opportunities to enhance their practice. The provider plans team social events to support staff well-being and collaborative working.
- Children's safety at the holiday club is paramount. The provider ensures that children of all ages are well supervised by highly-qualified staff. Staff conduct regular risk assessments on all areas of the setting and demonstrate strong knowledge of the setting's health and safety and emergency procedures.

## **Safeguarding**

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

Management and staff confidently discuss the signs and symptoms which could indicate that a child is at risk from harm. They explain the correct process to follow when reporting concerns to the appropriate authority. Furthermore, staff all discuss the course of action they would take if their concerns were not being addressed. Staff conduct regular risk assessments of the environment. They work closely with the school to ensure that all areas remain safe for children. The provider has robust knowledge of safer recruitment procedures and ensures that the ongoing suitability of all staff.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2680217
<b>Local authority</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10304573
<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>	3 to 12
<b>Total number of places</b>	50
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	60
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Saatvik Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	2648285
<b>Telephone number</b>	07892721317
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Fun Fest Holiday Club Watford was registered in 2022 and operates from Hartsbourne J M I School, Bushey Heath. It opens from 8am to 6pm during the school holidays only. The club employs seven members of staff, of these three hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above including one who holds early years teacher status.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Antonia Campbell

## 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 setting.
- The inspector and provider took a tour of the club. They discussed how the club is organised and the play opportunities provided for children.
- The inspector spoke to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at relevant documents, including evidence of the suitability of all staff.
- The inspector spoke to the provider about the leadership and management of the club.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children during activities.

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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