

# Inspection of Aktiva Camps @ Kingsbrook View

Kingsbrook View Primary Academy, Kingsbrook Basin, Broughton, Aylesbury HP22  
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Inspection date: 9 April 2024

**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 love attending this well-organised and welcoming holiday club. Staff create an exciting environment, indoors and outdoors, with a focus on art and crafts and sports activities. Children enjoy the freedom of choosing whether they want to engage in these independently or together. For example, younger children join older ones to make pretend pizza out of play dough. They offer each member of staff a slice, considering everyone's topping preferences. Others choose to relax as they read and share books with friends and staff in the quiet area. Children's behaviour is excellent. They demonstrate a clear understanding of staff's high expectations, which creates a calm and respectful atmosphere. In this way, children develop important skills for the future.

Leaders employ several qualified staff from their neighbouring nurseries to work in the holiday club. Many of the younger children who attend this club and one of the nurseries, are very familiar with these staff members. This aids their smooth transition into the holiday club. Staff know children's unique personalities, which helps them to provide a personalised approach to children's care. Staff are good role models, showing patience, compassion and kindness towards others. Children follow the strong example set by staff, such as when older children encourage younger children to persevere when they attempt to use a racquet to hit a shuttlecock over the net. They say, 'You can do it'. This helps to raise children's determination to succeed, as well as readily creating new friendships.

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

- Senior leaders are committed to providing a high quality of care for children and dedicated to continually driving improvements. For instance, they plan to offer 'forest school' sessions in the near future, run by appropriately trained staff. The vision of leaders is relayed clearly to all staff in a variety of ways. For example, early years specialists, from within the company, support club supervisors and staff to implement and monitor these expectations effectively.
- Leaders provide a comprehensive programme for new staff, which helps them to understand their roles and responsibilities. They hold regular supervision meetings to effectively support staff's continual professional development. They highlight individualised training programmes, such as attending gymnastic courses for staff who are dance enthusiasts. All staff feel valued and say they are privileged to be a part 'the club family'.
- Throughout their time at the club, children take part in frequent interesting conversations when they engage with staff and other children. These are rich with laughter and smiles, showing how skilled the staff are at engaging children and maintaining children's attention. For instance, children draw henna patterns

using visual aids to raise their awareness of ways that Muslim people celebrate Eid. They talk proudly about different customs they follow at home and compare these to Muslim traditions around Eid. This helps to raise children's understanding of the diversity of cultures represented in the wider world.

- Staff support children to adopt healthy lifestyles. Children have access to an extensive outdoor space. There are plenty of opportunities to be active and take part in team games, such as hockey when they practise passing the ball with a hockey stick, to another child on their team. Children wash their hands thoroughly after being outside and before meals. Leaders and staff work with parents to provide lunchboxes for their children which contain healthy foods. Children eagerly talk at snack times about their favourite fruits and where they grow. Staff talk to children about the benefits of water and remind them to drink it. These routines promote children's good habits to stay fit and well.
- On the whole, leaders deploy staff well to enhance children's experiences at the club. Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other, such as when children move between the indoors and outdoors. Although, at times, when staff are busy interacting with children, they pause the play to carry out other jobs, such as looking for more equipment. They do not then readily go back to continue children's enjoyment. Children wait patiently for staff's return and eventually become disengaged. Leaders recognise this as an area to improve.
- Parents are highly complimentary about the club. They comment that their children thoroughly enjoy themselves, make new friendships and eagerly talk about the fun things they did. Parents are particularly impressed with the range of activities on offer to children. Staff gather detailed information about children, such as their medical and dietary needs, to help ensure children's continual safety at the club. Leaders plan to further develop parental involvement by introducing an online application, which allows for two-way communication throughout the day.

## Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2662752
<b>Local authority</b>	Buckinghamshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10332955
<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 12
<b>Total number of places</b>	40
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	34
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Aktiva Camps Limited
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP901383
<b>Telephone number</b>	02035446332
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Aktiva Camps @ Kingsbrook View registered in 2021. The holiday club is situated in Kingsbrook View Academy in Broughton, Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire. The holiday club operates Monday to Friday, from 7.45am to 6pm, during school holidays. This provider also offers breakfast club, Monday to Friday, from 7.45am to 9am and after school club, Monday to Friday, from 3.15pm to 5.30pm, during term time. It employs seven members of staff at the holiday club. Six of whom hold appropriate childcare qualifications from level 2 to level 3.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Sonia Panchal

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the holiday club received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with leaders 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.
- Children told the inspector about their friends and what they like to do when they are at the holiday club.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- Parents shared their views of the holiday club with the inspector.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working at the holiday club.

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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