

# Inspection of Challengers Guildford

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Inspection date: 21 May 2025

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- This unique setting has stringent processes in place to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Managers and staff describe the fundamental value of working together with external professionals to identify and implement targets to help support and improve outcomes for children with SEND.
- Passionate and dedicated managers and staff discuss how they plan a stimulating, inclusive and enabling environments for all children. They talk confidently about how activities are set up around children's individual interests and learning abilities. Managers and staff describe the importance of building strong, trusting and respectful relationships with children when they first start. This supports them to feel secure in their environment and help them to develop a strong sense of belonging.
- On the whole, the managers and staff have effective strategies in place to successfully monitor, observe and record children's progress from their starting points. They describe how staff observation and knowing children well through effective key person arrangements help to plan the environment and provide appropriate challenges that aid children's progression.
- Managers and staff show a good understanding on how to support children to regulate their behaviour. They discuss the importance of being positive role models and talk about how they encourage children to begin to develop an understanding of their own and others emotions.
- There are appropriate systems in place to ensure children remain safe as they play and explore. Managers and staff confidently discuss arrangements to support children to exit the building as safely and quickly as possible in an emergency. They explain how the daily briefings with staff provide robust communication as they discuss children's individual needs and staff roles and responsibilities for the day. This is to ensure a safe and smooth running of the session.
- Outdoor spaces are spacious, well-equipped and resourced to effectively support children's physical development. In addition, staff describe how the open, safe spaces enable children to enhance their cognitive growth, encourage social interactions and support their overall well-being. The high staff child ratio means that children are always well supervised.
- Managers and staff place value on prioritising partnerships with parents and other professionals. This is to ensure an effective two-way flow of communication, which provides consistency of care between the home and other settings. Managers discuss strategies used to seek regular feedback from parents, such as parent surveys. They talk about how this information aids reflection and helps them to evaluate the service they offer for continual improvement.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	122433
<b>Local authority</b>	Surrey
<b>Inspection number</b>	10402704
<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>	Sessional day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	6 to 7
<b>Total number of places</b>	10
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	10
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Disability Challengers
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP905373
<b>Telephone number</b>	01483230930
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	24 September 2019

## Information about this early years setting

Challengers Guildford is the headquarters of Disability Challengers who run a chain of play and leisure schemes for young disabled people across Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire. Challengers opens for 50 weeks of the year, five days a week during term time and six days a week in all school holidays. The 555 scheme is open in term time from 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday. On Sunday, the setting opens for family sessions from 10am to 4pm. The setting employs 40 staff including the centre manager and deputy managers.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Kelley Ellis

## Inspection activities

- The inspector observed the quality of learning being provided, indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact that this was having on children's development.
- Staff spoke to the inspector about how they support children with SEND.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the setting.

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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