



Harrogate Ladies College (King's Camps)

Inspection report for early years provision

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ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Kings Camps opened in 2006 and is situated in Harrogate, within the Harrogate Ladies College. The setting operates from the sports hall, gym, gallery, squash courts, tennis courts, playing field and swimming pool.

The play scheme is open five days a week from 08.30 until 17.30, during the summer and the Easter holidays. The play scheme offers a range of sporting activities to children aged from 4 to 13 years. The setting is registered to provide full day care for up to 144 children aged from 4 to 8 years. There are currently 51 children aged from 4 to under 14 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions and are drawn

from the local area and wider community.

The setting employs eight staff and three of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications. One member of staff is working towards a qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children's physical development is promoted extremely well. Children have daily access to an extensive range of sporting activities, such as swimming, football, lacrosse, volleyball and archery. They thoroughly enjoy testing their abilities to run, catch and balance and are able to take risks in a controlled environment. They are developing their ball skills very well and play enthusiastically together during all activities.

Children know and understand the importance of good hygiene practices in order to keep themselves healthy, this is reinforced by the staff. For example, children are reminded to wash their hands before lunch. Children follow a good hand washing routine before mealtimes and one child explains that they do this to get rid of any germs that they may have picked up when playing outside.

Good arrangements are in place for first aid and administering medication, four of the staff hold a current first aid certificate and there is a fully stocked first aid kit available. Written policies are in place regarding sickness, accidents and administration of medicines, these are fully implemented and shared with all parents.

Parents provide their children with a packed lunch each day. They are encouraged to provide healthy food. The children sit together to eat their lunch and this is a happy and sociable occasion. They chat confidently to each other about their healthy lunches and what activities they would like to take part in in the afternoon. Water is always readily available at all times. The children are able to recognise the importance of being healthy, through participating in various activities, such as completing a healthy lifestyle quiz.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The scheme provides spacious facilities which are very welcoming to children and adults. Children benefit from a satisfactory range of safety measures. They develop an adequate awareness of safety through practicing emergency evacuations every week to ensure all the children attending know the procedure to follow. A child explains what they do when the alarm rings and stresses that they must not run. There are good staffing ratio's in place, as a result, the children are supervised at all times, are unable to leave the premises unattended and are never left alone with persons who have not been vetted. The system for managing access to the premises

allows unauthorised persons entry. Most risks to the children's safety are minimised due to clear health and safety policies which are implemented by staff and the children. However, some areas that are normally inaccessible to children are occasionally left unlocked, for example, the office. There are effective daily routines for checking the safety of the premises and the outside areas.

All equipment and furniture is safe, in good condition and suitable for use by the children. They meet all the differing needs and ages of the children well. All the children are very stimulated, interested and occupied. They feel very much at home at the scheme and are keen to tell how much they enjoy attending.

The children are protected from possible abuse or neglect. Staff have a satisfactory understanding of the procedure to follow with any concerns. All staff have completed on-line child protection training, which includes a test to ensure they know and fully understand the setting's child protection policy. They are fully aware of the signs to look for and know the correct action to take if they have concerns about any child in their care.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children have excellent opportunities to become engaged in an extensive range of sports based activities. Staff have established good relationships with the children who feel very safe and secure in their care. Staff spend considerable amounts of time talking and listening to the children. They are highly skilled in supporting them and enabling them to become fully involved in self chosen activities. Most of the staff are qualified sport coaches and this has a very positive impact on developing the children's overall physical skills.

Children enjoy a wide range of exciting and interesting activities. They play a wide variety of ball and team games together, such as volley ball and swimming races. Children are confident communicators, they are very keen to talk about activities they have enjoyed. One child expressed that she enjoys playing rounders and using the parachute. The children benefit from sole use of an on site swimming pool and they are very keen to access this on a daily basis. Many of the children have improved their swimming skills and are becoming strong swimmers.

Excellent relationships have developed between the children. They have become firm friends and enjoy each others company. Children are the core of this setting and their views are highly valued by the staff. They are consulted about the activities which ensures that their time spent at the scheme meets their individual needs and is very enjoyable.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children are happy and settled in the setting. Staff have built good relationships with

them to enable them to feel secure and safe. Detailed information is gathered from the parents and the children before starting to attend to ensure all their individual needs can be met. Staff are proactive in fully including all children in activities whatever their age or ability. Children get on very well together and their behaviour is extremely good. They understand the importance of sharing, taking turns and being kind to each other. The children use manners, for example, they hold doors open for adults. There is a detailed written behaviour policy which is shared with parents and children. It has a clear focus on consistency and maintaining a positive approach.

Parents are kept very well informed about the running of the scheme and activities that are provided, through notice boards and pre-registration information. There is a written complaints procedure, however, this does not contain the contact details of the regulator.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children benefit from the effective leadership of the scheme. The staff are motivated and work well together as a team to ensure that good quality care and play opportunities are provided. Staff are experienced and have attended training courses to extend their skills, knowledge and understanding. Indoor and outdoor space is laid out to maximise physical opportunities for children. Adult-child ratios are maintained at all times which ensures the children have the care and attention they require.

The management have sound knowledge of the National Standards. They understand how to interpret them in the best interests of the children and they form the basis of the policies and procedures and they enhance the care and welfare of the children. All the required documentation is in place and this contributes to the organisation of the service that is provided. For example, emergency contacts and registration details. The registration certificate and public liability insurance is displayed. A good system is in place to record the staff and children's daily attendance and this is accurate and up to date.

All information on the children is stored confidentially but easily accessible if needed in an emergency. This is regularly shared with parents and updated. Records, policies and procedures support good practice, safeguarding children's welfare and ensuring parents are informed of their children's progress. Overall the provision meets the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since registration. The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on

request. The complaint record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- improve the system for managing access to the premises
- ensure that the complaints procedure includes the name, address and contact number of the regulator
- ensure that the office and staff facilities are made inaccessible to children at all times.

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