

# Mytime Active childcare services at the Walnuts



Walnuts Leisure Centre, Lych Gate Road, Orpington, BR6 0TJ

## Inspection date

11 April 2018

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>2</b>
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Good	2
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Good	2
Outcomes for children		Not applicable	

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision is good

- Staff offer a wide range of activities to help extend children's interests and their physical skills. For example, children enjoy playing tennis and exploring the soft-play area.
- Staff are deployed effectively to supervise children's play and keep them safe. Staff follow effective safety procedures and carry out rigorous risk assessments of the environment to help ensure children's safety.
- The management team follows effective recruitment, vetting and ongoing monitoring systems. For example, managers organise regular one-to-one meetings to help ensure all core staff are aware of their roles and remain suitable to work with children.
- Children feel safe and happy, and enjoy attending the holiday camp. Staff have formed secure bonds with children and constantly praise and celebrate their achievements to help boost their confidence and self-esteem.

### It is not yet outstanding because:

- Training plans to support the ongoing professional development of staff are not fully embedded to help them extend and build on their practice.
- Staff do not consistently share relevant information with parents to understand all children's needs as well as possible.

## What the setting needs to do to improve further

### To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:

- extend opportunities for all staff who work in the camp to develop their skills and knowledge even further
- improve information sharing with parents to coordinate care for children's individual needs more effectively.

### Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to children and members of staff at appropriate times throughout the day.
- The inspector had discussions with the leisure centre manager, who is also the lead safeguarding officer for the holiday camp.
- The inspector observed all play areas and staff interactions with children.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including staff suitability checks, paediatric first-aid qualifications and a selection of policies and procedures.

### Inspector

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## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is good

Safeguarding is effective. Staff rigorously risk assess the play areas and activities to help ensure children's safety. Managers and staff know what action to take should they have any concerns regarding children's welfare. The designated safeguarding officer understands his role and confidently explains the policies and procedures. The management team ensures that all welfare requirements are met. For example, managers keep records of incidents and accidents that happen in the camp, as required, and share these with parents. The staff team obtains the views of children and parents to help identify areas to improve. Staff regularly review their own practice to identify further areas to improve to help provide the best quality childcare possible.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

Staff interact positively with children and provide a range of interesting activities to keep them engaged. For example, once children arrive at the camp, staff encourage them to choose what they would like to do and sit with them to support their learning and play. Staff provide a well-balanced range of activities, which helps children to develop key skills. For example, children are keen to take part in tennis and football lessons, and those who enjoy quiet activities are provided with books to read. Staff organise the play areas well and plan team and board games to help children learn to wait and take turns. They engage in casual conversations with children during play and mealtimes to help build on their vocabulary.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are good

Children follow familiar daily routines which help them to take care of their belongings. For example, they put their bags and coats in the designated area to help prevent others from tripping over them. Staff encourage children to bring in healthy packed lunches and to engage in running and jumping games to help support their physical well-being. Children's behaviour is good. Staff discuss rules and boundaries with the children and constantly remind them to be kind to one another. They also encourage children to respect other people's differences and similarities. They display welcoming signs in different languages to help promote inclusion in the camp.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY489939
<b>Local authority</b>	Bromley
<b>Inspection number</b>	1021063
<b>Type of provision</b>	Full-time provision
<b>Day care type</b>	Childcare - Non-Domestic
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	5 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	20
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	11
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Mytime Active
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP524567
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable
<b>Telephone number</b>	01689870533

Mytime Active childcare services at the Walnuts Leisure Centre in Orpington registered in 2015. The holiday club is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5.30pm during the school holidays, except for Christmas. There are four core staff who work in the holiday camp, all of whom hold relevant childcare qualifications at level 3 and above.

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