

Inspection of Atlas Camps Stroud - Wycliffe

Wycliffe Preparatory School, Ryeford Hall, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 2LD

Inspection date:

29 May 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enter this warm and welcoming camp that is safe and secure. Staff are sensitive and kind and help children settle, including when they have not been to camp for a while. The camp is fun and there is a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities with various sports on offer. There is plenty of time for free play. Children have opportunities to learn new skills and to engage in a range of group experiences.

Children like the choices they are able to make. Staff regularly consult with them and children discuss with their partner what they want to do. Football, dodgeball and rubber band designs are favourites. Children know they are listened to. They confidently share their views and ideas and lead the 'Simon Says' game. This helps to develop children's self-esteem and speaking in front of large groups.

Activities are planned with all children's abilities in mind. Children participate in lots of physical activities. They balance, skip, run, kick and throw. Children paint and draw to make an 'Atlas camp' banner. This collective activity gives them the opportunity to interact with children of different ages, backgrounds and interests.

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

- Staff are friendly, helpful and respectful. They regularly praise children's good behaviour. Staff interact skilfully with children and are fun and supportive. Children behave well. Staff notice when children need help and guidance and swiftly change and adapt activities to children's energy levels.
- Children know how to be safe and what happens next, as the routine is well planned and shared with them. They are reminded about the rules and values of the camp. Staff explain clearly why rules are in place. Children do a 'thumbs up' to show they are listening and understand. Children share what it means to be honest and to persevere. They know to 'freeze' and listen to instructions when they practise a fire drill.
- The senior management team supports staff well. There is good safe recruitment practice. Staff have regular access to online and face-to-face training. Staff meet and update and build on their skills. Induction is thorough and helps new staff to settle quickly and understand their role and responsibilities. The manager uses his leadership skills to develop and build an effective team. He regularly shares information and uses staff's strengths when organising sports, group games and creative activities.
- Staff encourage children to be healthy. Children wash their hands regularly. Staff regularly remind them to drink and help them to choose a snack mid morning. All children take responsibility for their own things and for keeping the camp

tidy. They know what to do if their snack falls on the floor and where to dispose of wrappers.

- Parents praise the camp. They say they know their children are safe, well cared for and have lots of fun activities to keep them busy. Staff ensure that there is a good handover and check who is collecting children later. They build positive relationships with parents.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

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

Setting details

Unique reference number	2666138
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	10335052
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Out-of-school day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	3 to 10
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	44
Name of registered person	Atlas All-Stars Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP901093
Telephone number	0800 772 0743
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Atlas Camps Stroud - Wycliffe registered in 2021. It operates from Wycliffe Preparatory School, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. The camp runs from 8am to 5pm from Monday to Friday in the school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Claire Cook

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the camp 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 provider.
- Children spoke to the inspector about what they enjoy doing while at the camp.
- The inspector talked to staff at appropriate times during the inspection and took account of their views.
- Parents shared their views of the camp with the inspector.
- The inspector observed the interactions between staff and children.
- The senior manager showed the inspector documentation to demonstrate the suitability of staff.

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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