

Inspection of Ultimate Activity Camps at Copthorne Prep School

Copthorne School Trust, Effingham Lane, Copthorne, Crawley RH10 3HR

Inspection date:

11 April 2025

**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 have fun attending this enjoyable and well-organised camp, where they feel safe and well cared for. Friendly and experienced staff are genuinely interested in chatting to the children, and children are relaxed in their company.

Staff plan activities ready for children to access when they arrive. They accommodate children's requests for particular resources or group games. For example, children can choose to participate in arts and crafts activities. Younger children enjoy dressing up as their favourite character or superhero. This helps them gain a sense of self and autonomy.

Children enjoy opportunities to exercise and play outdoors in the fresh air. Staff organise popular sports, such as rounders and cricket, on a daily basis and children are keen to take part.

Staff bring children together at mealtimes and make it a social occasion. Children sit with staff and their friends, chatting. Staff make sure they understand the need to wash their hands before eating. Children are very independent and understand the high expectations of staff and the routines of the club.

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

- Young children are supported well. While all staff are caring and attentive, a system is in place for the younger children, where a dedicated member of staff ensures they are supported. Therefore, even the youngest children quickly settle, and are confident and fully integrated in the club. They engage visitors to the club in conversation and are keen to discuss what they enjoy most.
- Children enjoy being physically active and take part in a variety of games to help build their good coordination. For example, staff re-enact the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with younger children as they explore the field, throwing cotton wool snowballs.
- Staff are good role models for children. They are polite and respectful to each other and to children, who have formed close and trusting bonds with the staff. Behaviour is good and children listen well to instructions. Rules and expectations of the club are understood and consistently applied. There is a very calm and happy atmosphere.
- The value of working in partnership with parents is recognised. Staff engage in plenty of open communication with parents and share daily updates about children's experiences. This joined-up approach helps children to settle quickly.
- Staff say that they enjoy working at the club. They feel valued and well supported by the senior leadership team. The effective oversight by the

management team enables regular supervision, training and mentoring to support staff. They benefit from completing relevant training to enhance their knowledge and skills.

- Leaders are experienced and knowledgeable. They ensure staff understand how to care for young children. The effective management and organisation of each day allows staff to create a stimulating environment, where all children enjoy spending time.
- Managers and staff understand how to protect children and promote their welfare. They use risk assessments effectively to identify and minimise any risks. Staff help children to learn how to keep themselves safe. For instance, they talk to children about why it is important to walk sensibly in a line and check for passing cars. Staff complete regular mandatory training to help them to keep children safe and well.

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	2714812
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	10394247
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	4 to 14
Total number of places	104
Number of children on roll	168
Name of registered person	The Ultimate Activity Company Ltd
Registered person unique reference number	RP901335
Telephone number	0330 111 7077
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Ultimate Activity Camps at Copthorne Prep School registered in 2022. The club is open Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm during Easter and summer holidays. The club employs five members of staff, two of whom hold an appropriate level 6 qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Shona Allerton

Inspection activities

- The club manager showed the inspector around the club and explained how the play environment is organised.
- The inspector had discussions with the manager to explore leadership and management issues.
- The inspector spoke to the children and staff at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at a sample of the provider's documentation, including Disclosure and Barring Service records and training certificates.

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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