

KOOSA Kids Holiday Club, Ash Hampshire

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?

KOOSA Kids at Ash Manor Sports Centre is a one of six children's holiday activity schemes run by KOOSA Ltd. It was registered as a holiday play scheme in 2007, and is located in Ash. Facilities at the sports centre includes a sports hall, school hall, craft room and an outside play area. The provision is registered for 96 children aged 4 to 7 years. However, they also accept children aged 8 to 12 years. The number of children on roll varies from day to day. Children are organised into age-groups for various activities. They come together for break times. The provision is open from Monday to Friday during every school holiday throughout the year. It attracts children from a wide geographical area. The scheme offers an 'extension zone' for parents who require childcare from 08:30 until 18:00, and a standard activity day from 10:00 until 16:00. The children bring their own packed lunches when staying for a full day. The number of staff working with children varies depending on the number of children present. Ratios of one adult to eight children are maintained. The site manager is completing a level three qualification in play work.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children follow good routines such as washing hands before eating and after using the toilet. They understand the reasons why this is important and confidently communicate that washing hands keeps germs and bacteria away. Children use paper towels to dry their hands, although they do not have access to soap to ensure their hands are clean. Children enjoy opportunities to play outside and get fresh air, or during inclement weather use a large indoor hall for team games. Children develop their physical skills as they play 'Musical Balls'. They enjoy running around, when the music stops they pick up a ball and hold it above their head. The children run with enthusiasm while listening carefully to the music.

Children enjoy healthy snacks and lunches that they bring from home. Parents are informed of how the lunches are stored and suggestions made by the group to ensure children receive healthy food. All dietary needs are recorded on children's record forms and all staff are aware. Children are cared for appropriately if there is an accident as all staff hold a current first aid certificate. Staff maintain accurate and detailed accident and medication records.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children benefit from playing in a well-organised environment. This allows them to move around freely and safely. They have easy and safe access to a range of activities selected by the staff, which children generally use during the hours of the groups extended day. Between the hours of 10.00 and 16.00 a well planned programme of activities takes place. Children have opportunities to sit quietly and watch videos, however, there is not a suitably equipped, designated rest area for children to relax. Children learn about keeping themselves safe as they talk through the rules every day. Staff remind children that they should be in sight of a member of staff at all times and that any equipment around the school should not be used. Children listen carefully to the rules. Before the start of all games staff give clear instructions as to what the rules are and what the consequences are should the rules be broken. They ensure that the rules are adhered to and any consequences followed through. This ensures children know what is expected of them and helps them to feel safe and secure.

The group have good systems in place that ensure children are collected only by people who are aware of the child's individual ID number. Staff ensure that a daily risk assessment of the premises is completed to ensure the children play safely. Staff have a good understanding of child protection issues and what procedures to take if they are concerned. This promotes and safeguards children's welfare while they are in the group.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are happy, engaged and have lots of fun. Most children arrive enthusiastically. Staff offer extra support to those children who are unsettled on arrival. Children settle quickly at their chosen activity and enjoy the direct interaction from the staff. Children happily and confidently report that they enjoy coming to the play scheme as the activities are interesting and varied. Some children enjoy playing skittles. They carefully stand the skittles up and then skilfully roll the ball to knock them down. They jump for joy and let out a loud cheer as all the

skittles are knocked down and smile proudly as they are praised by the staff. All children enjoy playing 'Soak the Coach', they sit quietly and eagerly await to be chosen. One child is invited to choose a member of staff and ask a general knowledge question, if the member of staff gets the answer wrong, they have water poured over them by another member of staff. The expressions and excitement on the children's faces show how much they enjoy this game. They shout and scream with delight as water is poured over the staff. After this excitement the children settle quickly to talk through the group rules. All children know what the last rule is and all shout together 'HAVE FUN'. Staff provide a varied and interesting programme which differs on a daily basis. This ensures that children have opportunities to try new experiences and helps them to make good progress in their development.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children feel good about themselves and show respect for their peers and adults as they share resources and take turns happily. Registration forms include information on children's backgrounds to ensure that individual needs are met. Children learn to take responsibility for their behaviour. They are encouraged to talk about the group rules on a daily basis. Children listen carefully to instructions given to them by the staff and accept consequences when rules have been broken. Children get on well together, they are well behaved, polite and courteous.

Staff work hard to provide a good relationship with parents. A full set of comprehensive policies and procedures are easily accessible. A notice board advises parents of relevant information about the group and details of activities planned for the week. Staff are on hand at the start and end of each session to talk to parents if needed. Practice is monitored and evaluated as parents and children are given the opportunity to complete questionnaires regularly on the care offered.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children benefit from the staff's knowledge and understanding in caring for children during their holidays. There are good recruitment and induction procedures in place to ensure staff are suitable. The on-going suitability of staff is checked on a regular basis. Staff work very well as a team and are aware of their own roles and responsibilities. Children benefit from a well-organised programme of activities that keep them stimulated and interested. Staff interact well with the children and offer good levels of support.

Information kept about the children is relevant. All required documentation relating to the children are in place, and well maintained. Staff are aware of the current complaints procedure and the written policy reflects the October 2005 changes to the regulations. Overall, the group meet the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards. The provider is required to

keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints 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 hygiene procedures by providing soap that is readily accessible to children
- improve the environment and provide a suitably equipped rest area for children to relax.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the leaflet *Complaints about Ofsted Early Years: concerns or complaints about Ofsted's role in regulating and inspecting childcare and early education (HMI ref no 2599)* which is available from Ofsted's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk