

Inspection of Fun Fest Holiday Club Watford

Hartsbourne J M I School, Hartsbourne Road, Bushey Heath, BUSHEY WD23 1SJ

Inspection date:

22 August 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Met

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

Children enjoy their time at the holiday club. Staff organise games and activities that children choose to participate in. For example, they all eagerly wait their turn to play 'Duck, duck goose'. They cheer their friends on as they take turns to run around and catch each other. Children explain to visitors that the circle games are the best part of their day.

Staff encourage children to be active and develop their physical coordination. They explain clearly how to use a bat and ball. They encourage children to practise improving their skills. Older children carefully throw the ball for their friends to hit. Younger children attempt to swing the bat to hit the ball off a tee. Staff praise their efforts and join in with enthusiasm. They help children understand how their bodies work by warming up with light activity and stretches before beginning the sport.

Staff help children to learn about socially acceptable behaviour. They explain clearly the rules for the club and encourage children to share with their friends. Young children tell their friends whose turn it is next when they are waiting to have a go at activities, demonstrating that they understand the rules that are in place.

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

- The provider has taken steps to meet a welfare requirements notice recently set by Ofsted. They informed the local designated officer of an event and improved their knowledge of when to notify Ofsted.
- After the recent incident, the collection and drop off procedures have been strengthened. There are more staff during these times of day. The provider supervises staff deployment robustly to prevent a repeat of the incident.
- The staff work together to help ensure children are supervised when moving about the school site. They communicate as to which children need to be in specific areas. For example, they check registers and complete head counts when separating into smaller groups for their planned activities.
- Children are beginning to learn what contributes to a healthy lifestyle. The provider informs parents of ideas for food to be sent in for lunch and snacks. Staff encourage children to eat healthy parts of the lunch first.
- The key-person approach supports the early years children appropriately. Staff give specific feedback to parents about their child's day, including meals and activities. They obtain information from parents prior to entry so they know the children's interests and needs. The provider encourages parents to send their children for a taster session day. This helps children to settle. Children explain they like the club and tell their parents they want to come back.
- Staff help children to work together. When they work in teams, children pick a

leader to be in charge of the list for a scavenger hunt. Staff encourage children to write the items down and then search for them. At times, staff do not engage younger children as well during these games. As a result, they lose interest and sometimes there is nothing different for them to do.

- Partnerships with parents meet children's needs suitably. Parents report that they like the planning of activities. This gives them a focus of conversation with their children at the end of the day.

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	2680217
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10362652
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 12
Total number of places	50
Number of children on roll	200
Name of registered person	Saatvik Limited
Registered person unique reference number	2648285
Telephone number	07892721317
Date of previous inspection	8 August 2023

Information about this early years setting

Fun Fest Holiday Club Watford registered in 2022 and operates from Hartsbourne J M I School, Bushey Heath. It opens from 8am to 6pm during the school holidays only. The club employs nine members of staff. Of these, four hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 2 and above, including one who holds early years teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Elke Rockey

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- This inspection was carried out as a result of a risk assessment, following information received about the provider.
- The manager talked to the inspector about how the provision is organised, and the opportunities provided for the children. The inspector observed and evaluated the interactions between staff and children.
- The inspector talked to staff and children at appropriate times during the inspection and considered their views.
- The inspector held meetings with the manager.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and reviewed evidence of the suitability of staff working in the club.
- The inspector spoke to a small number of parents and considered their views.

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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