

# Inspection of Stacey Centre Playscheme

The Stacey Centre, Walsall Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO3 6DN

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Inspection date: 1 August 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Not applicable

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- Staff have extensive safeguarding knowledge. They understand their role and know how to follow the correct procedures when reporting safeguard concerns. Staff can identify when a child is at risk of harm. For example, they understand the different types of abuse. Staff make adjustments to the usual ratios based on children's individual needs. They conduct regular risk assessments to ensure the safety of children and staff is paramount.
- The management team describe how they work very closely with families, outside agencies, and schools to provide the best for the children. For example, before the child attends the playscheme, the leader completes a home visit. They gather a range of information about the child through a detailed care plan, risk assessment and medication form.
- The management team understand the importance of learning through play. They explain how they give children a range of opportunities to support their individual development. Staff describe how they plan stimulating activities based on themes that interest the children. For example, they have been doing activities based on 'what is at the bottom of the garden'.
- Staff have a secure knowledge of using a range of techniques when managing behaviour. For example, they use the information they know about the children to deal with a situation, understanding that every child is unique. The staff understand the need to provide a calm environment and know how to manage difficult situations.
- Staff give details about how they provide opportunities that the children would not normally get. For example, children can attend the local park and join in with forest school sessions and music and movement classes. Also, there are different areas available to children, to meet their needs. For instance, there is a quiet room for children who dislike too much noise, where they can focus on independent activities, such as puzzles.
- Staff talk about how they encourage children to have a positive attitude towards their learning. They explain that they repeat group activities that are fun, structured, and accessible to all. For example, they offer small-group activities daily that allow children to predict, challenge, question and focus for a period of time.
- The management team recognise the importance of recruiting highly skilled staff. They have an in-depth recruitment and induction process. This ensures all staff have had significant training to meet the needs of the children. This includes manual handling, behaviour management and understanding different educational needs. This is both online and face to face.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	2646637
<b>Local authority</b>	Portsmouth
<b>Inspection number</b>	10301655
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childcare on non-domestic premises
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Out-of-school day care
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	5 to 18
<b>Total number of places</b>	30
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	175
<b>Name of registered person</b>	Enableability
<b>Registered person unique reference number</b>	RP521622
<b>Telephone number</b>	07876464507
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	Not applicable

## Information about this early years setting

Stacey Centre Playscheme is located in the Baffins area of Portsmouth. It was registered in July 2021. The playscheme operates Monday to Friday from 10am to 3.30pm, during school holidays only. The playscheme is part of Enable Ability. It provides specialist care for children with severe learning difficulties and disabilities. There are 59 members of staff, 15 of whom have relevant qualifications at level 3 and above.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Harriet Povey

## Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider 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.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- A meeting was held between the inspector and the provider. The inspector looked at relevant documentation and saw evidence of suitability of staff.
- Staff spoke to the inspector during the inspection.
- Although there were no children in the early years age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The nominated individual and the inspector carried out a joint observation.

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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