



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: Inspiration arts

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Short Breaks have introduced the ‘Young Inspectors’ program as part of the service commitment to provide:

‘The opportunity for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to contribute to the decision-making and development of services for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs on the Isle of Wight’.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the short breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

Report Summary

Details about the provision being inspected

Overview of the organisation/service:

The service offers Young people from ages 5-12 a chance to enjoy sensory activities, free play, games, arts and crafts and use of soft play and the white room.

What they provide:

The provision provides various activities within the session.

The session is broken down into various activities throughout the session.

- Dressing up, musical instruments and pop up tents
- Games
- Snack and drink time
- Arts and crafts
- Soft play and White room

Provisions of this service:

Provisions of this service is to encourage children to interact and play through arts and crafts, free play and sensory experiences.

When is it available: Monday 3-5pm at Medina House School

How much it costs: £5

Who to contact to book: Lyndsey or Holly

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1.0 Introduction: Why we inspected Inspiration Arts?

We decided to inspect Inspiration arts as they are a long term provider to Short breaks and the young inspectors were eager to try an established group that was set up. It was inspected to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity.

2.0 Methodology: How we inspected Inspiration arts?

The inspection was based after school and children visited a regular session. Children and young people were asked questions about the session on what they liked and didn't like. Some children used stickers to gain their feedback, some used eye gazing with happy faces and sad faces, and others were given multi choices so they could choose which emotions they felt. This therefore, accommodated all the children that attended and gained their voices about the activity.

3.0 Summary of Findings: What the Young Inspectors found

Young Inspectors found that Inspiration arts were very friendly and accommodating towards children and young people. Children were having fun with different activities such as pop up tents musical instruments, and ball pools.

The children had lots of fun playing guessing games in the pool ball and all learnt how to take turns throughout the game.

4.0 Recommendations: How the activity can be made better?

Some activities could be made more accessible are:

When playing games in the ball pool, there could have been a separate box for balls for wheelchair users, however, providers were extremely helpful and got all the children to bring the pool up to the child. This was so they could be involved and included in the game.

Tables were also quite low when doing arts and crafts this was appropriate for one wheel chair user but not another, so this needs to be considered.

5.0 Review analysis: - What we reviewed

5.1 Staff

All young Inspectors said the staff from inspiration arts were friendly and nice. They also said they were helpful, one young inspector stated that the staff were really funny.

5.2 Fun and Enjoyment

All young inspectors' favourite part was dancing in the bubbles, playing in the tents and joining in with the games. They also enjoyed playing in the soft play area and within the sensory room playing games and interacting.

Young Inspectors made it very clear that they had lots of fun and really enjoyed the activities. One young person stated that they had so much fun, and they would be coming back next week. Parents confirmed this as they felt comfortable at the session as well as enjoying being with their children.

5.3 Accessibility

Accessibility as spoken about earlier is very good. Young Inspectors found that all doors were locked and they couldn't get anywhere without supervision. There are also ramps and plenty of space for wheel chair users and for children to be their selves without judgement or ridicule.

One of the parents felt they wouldn't be able to leave their child at the session as they had such complex needs and the staff were not trained to hoist or to meet the young person's individual needs. This is something that Shortbreaks will work alongside Inspirational arts in the future help seek further training opportunities.

There were a few recommendations for accessibility but when speaking to the provider they tried to accommodate the best they could and agreed some things needed to be changed.

5.4 Safety and Surroundings

All doors were locked and children could not access classrooms or the playground and car park. This was extremely safe and staff were present at all times. There was also an appropriate number of staff to the amount of children within the group.

6.0 Provider Feedback

Short Breaks offered the provider to come back to make comments regarding their report Short Breaks did not receive a response.