



## Outstanding Programme Award Regional Winner - Profile

### Windsor OSCAR

#### How many children attend your programme?

Currently we have a full roll of 50 children attending our After School Care Programme. Our Holiday Programmes are always full with 40 children per day, and our Before School Care Programme has an average of 25 children per day, but can sometimes reach 40.

#### How many staff do you have?

There is 10 staff employed by Windsor OSCAR.

#### What does a typical day at your OSCAR programme look like?

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE** - Children arrive from 7.30am each morning and quietly play with games or drawing, most are happy in the mornings just to chill and watch the t.v. or play quiet games. At 8am toast is offered which is always popular, 8.20am they can play Octopus etc before the bell rings at 8.30am and the children quickly grab their bags and head to class.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - Children arrive from class at 3pm, we tick off their names, a small amount of liquid soap is given to each child, and each child will wash their hands and then line up in the hall for afternoon tea. At 3.15pm when another bell rings the children are free to play either inside or outside depending on the weather. During the afternoon we have a free play policy and we have games, colouring in, crafts, blocks etc available, bean bags to relax and watch a movie or join in the games in the hall. Bench ball is the most popular game at present, which is great as everyone can play at once. Some children play mums and dads, others just content to read or create a master piece with the knex. It is always busy with children laughing and having fun. Parents come and go, collecting their children, and as the afternoon quiets down most will relax on a bean bag and happy to watch the telly or draw.

**HOLIDAY CARE** - The days during the Holiday Programme are generally structured, where trips are organised and planned activities are run.

#### Please provide 5 children's quotes on why they love coming to your programme?

"Because you get to do fun stuff and go out places on the Holiday Programme and do fun games." (*Rhena*)

"Because the staff are nice and we get to play bench ball and play with our friends." (*Jesse*)

"I like all of it and that you make stuff, because I love making stuff." (*Saffie*)

"Because it's awesome." (*Lorne*)

"Because it's fun and the new stuff is real cool." (*Connor*)

#### Why should you become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

Our OSCAR Programme should win the award because we always provide a stimulating environment where all are welcomed and the interests of the children are catered for. We strive to provide a diverse range of activities so the children have choices to entertain themselves and accommodate their individual needs.





The amazing staff are passionate and dedicated to excellence and this helps to make it what it is today. We genuinely care for all children who attend and we constantly relish the chance to entertain them. Children are given the opportunity to make numerous choices about how they wish to spend their time at our programme.

Most children rush from class each day to see if they are the first to arrive. This shows they want to be there. They seem to enjoy being part of the programme and, for some, a big part of their lives is spent at our programme. This why we offer an atmosphere that is stimulating and also friendly where the children feel at home.

Children even attend our OSCAR programme when the parents or caregivers do not work or need to use our service, which clearly highlights that the Windsor OSCAR Programme is the "place to be"!

