



Whitechapel Leisure Centre

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of care	Sessional care, Out of School care, Crèche

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 satisfactory. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Whitechapel Leisure Centre Crèche opened in 2005 and is situated in a residential area of Whitechapel. A maximum of 12 children may attend the crèche at any one time. The crèche is open each weekday and Saturday for two hours a day all year round and children attend for a variety of sessions. All children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 55 children aged from birth to under five years on roll. The crèche employs five staff, three of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications to National Vocational Level 2 or 3. Three staff are working

towards a qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a warm and clean environment, they benefit from the good level of cleanliness and hygiene throughout the setting which effectively contributes to limiting the risk of cross infection. This is further supported by the use of individual towels and appropriate daily routines, such as children being reminded to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. Discussion and simple explanation such as how not washing your hands could lead to being unwell help children learn about the importance of keeping themselves healthy.

Staff have relevant first aid training and implement procedures such as the recording of accidents and administration of medication appropriately to maintain good health and consistency of care. Children's individual health and dietary needs are appropriately recorded and staff ensure that guidance and parents wishes are followed carefully. The accessibility of appropriate toys and the organisation of space means that babies are well supported to develop their physical skills such as walking and crawling.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in an attractive and child focussed environment, displays of children's work and appropriate posters add to the welcoming atmosphere. Children use high quality toys and equipment that are appropriate for their age and stage of development. The crèche is welcoming to children because it is colourful and well organised. Examples of children's work are displayed for all to see. Furniture is children's height and there is some self selection of activities and equipment available.

Children's safety is promoted because staff are vigilant at reducing risks and minimising hazards. Daily risk assessments of the crèche and the outdoor environment are effective at keeping children safe. Children are cared for in a safe and very secure environment where all visitors are monitored by a visual intercom system. Children are well protected from harm, due to the staff's good understanding of all child protection issues, the implementation of effective procedures, and their commitment to regular training in this area.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children's needs are known and followed and this ensures that the younger children

in particular gain security and confidence within the environment. Staff are beginning to use the Birth to three matters framework to offer a range of opportunities to promote language and communication skills, creativity and physical play experiences for babies and children under three years. Children have access to a broad range of good quality play equipment that meets their developmental needs. Many toys are stored on low level shelves where children are able to access them safely, this provides choice and promotes children's self help skills and ability to make decisions for themselves.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children's behaviour is good; the staff's clear expectations through the use of simple and positive rules based on respect, helps children to learn to manage their own behaviour. Daily feedback about their child's day keeps parents well informed and helps to provide children with continuity of care. Play materials and resources reflect positive images of all aspects of society. Therefore children have opportunity to learn to acknowledge and accept differences. The setting has no experience of caring for children with special needs but demonstrated a positive attitude and has good systems in place.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children develop a secure sense of belonging because of the staff's warm, caring attitude. The setting is well organised, staff have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and work well as a team. Staff deployment is satisfactory ensuring all children are well cared for and happily engaged in a range of stimulating activities. However, there are not at least two members of staff caring for the children during one of the weekly sessions, which does not ensure the safety of the children present. The setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides. However, the deputy is not appropriately qualified. Records are clear, current and stored with an awareness of confidentiality. All required documentation is in place, personal details and information about each child is kept in separate folders and stored in a locked cupboard. Children benefit from the setting's appropriate vetting procedures.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last Variation visit, the crèche was asked to devise an action plan to ensure that a suitably qualified and experienced level 3 member of staff is in place to oversee the management of the holiday play scheme. This has not been met, which does not ensure the safety of the children.

Also two recommendations were made which were to ensure any recommendations made by the fire officer and environmental health are complied with. The fire officer is

due to visit the setting in the near future and the setting have purchased two fridges to store children's packed lunches. These improvements help to ensure children's welfare and safety is well promoted.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since registration.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by the parents, which they must 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):

- develop an action plan to ensure that a suitably qualified and experienced level 3 member of staff is in place, for overseeing the management of the crèche and the holiday play scheme.
- ensure there is a minimum of two adults on duty.

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