



Lubavitch Day Camp

Inspection report for early years provision

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

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Lubavitch Day Camp, out of school group was registered in 1999. It operates from a school building on Park Lane, Salford, Manchester. The adjacent grass and hard surface playground is available for outdoor play.

The registration is for 100 children. Currently, there are 72 children on roll, who are aged between three and six years. Children usually attend on a full time basis. Children may also attend sessions, mornings or afternoons. There are no children attending who have special needs.

The Camp operates for two weeks each year during the summer holidays. Sessions are Monday to Thursday from 09.30 until 15.30 and 09.30 until 14.00 on Friday.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children's health is supported through good hygiene practices, such as washing hands before food and after toileting. Children are cared for in an adequately maintained environment and are protected from infection through an exclusion policy being in place. They stay healthy through enjoying physical activities both indoors and out, such as catch ball, football, running and jumping which promote their muscular control and development.

Children learn about healthy living through discussions with staff about responsible behaviour when out in the sun. They rest according to their individual needs by sitting on the grass or quietly at the table crayoning or reading. Children's health and dietary needs are generally met through the staff working with parents to identify and record allergies, intolerances and special diets.

Children are nourished through some snacks, however, fresh fruit and vegetables are not made available for children to choose. Children understand the importance of taking regular drinks as water is freely available to them throughout the session to keep their bodies healthy and hydrated.

All documentation in relation to children's health, such as medical and accident forms are in place and signed by the parents.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are safe because they are cared for in a very secure environment where risks are identified and reviewed on a regular basis. All necessary safety equipment is in place. Staff take positive steps to promote safety and prevent accidents. Good organisation of play areas and staff supervision means that children are able to move around safely, freely and independently.

The play equipment children are able to choose for themselves is safe, suitable for their age and well maintained by staff. Children learn about keeping safe through discussion, activities and routines, for example, they help staff to tidy away the toys before bringing others out. Children are well aware of fire evacuation procedures as the drills are carried out periodically.

Children move around freely in a safe environment where risks are identified and minimised. There are effective procedures for signing children in and out of the club ensuring they are accounted for at all times. They are well protected as staff have a good understanding of child protection procedures. There are procedures in place

should an allegation be made against a member of staff which may compromise their safety.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children are comfortable and relaxed on arrival and staff greet them by name. They explore the environment making choices about their play. They relax or are active in accordance with their needs and interests. Children are comfortable and secure. They enjoy each other's company, chatting about their day at camp and planning activities together. Children are eager and happily involved in a wide range of interesting activities which are fun and provide sufficient challenge. Other children are happy to sit and colour, read a book, play team games or chat together.

The children and staff share good relationships. They chat and laugh together as they play ball games or take part in colouring activities. Children show care and concern for each other, the younger children are encouraged by the older ones to join in activities. Children show high levels of concentration and perseverance skills as they complete a game of catch ball. They express that they enjoy coming to the camp. They state they like everything about the camp, such as seeing their friends and playing games. Their confidence is promoted by positive relationships with staff and the staff's understanding of children's individual needs. Children are given good attention and staff ask questions and initiate discussion extending their independence and language skills.

Children are happy and settled in their play. Their independence skills and self-sufficiency are developed through easily accessible resources and equipment. Children experience a variety of good play activities including opportunities for more physical activity.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children develop a strong sense of respect for themselves and others. They have a good understanding about diversity and the wider world through resources and activities which reflect positive images. They have high levels of confidence and self-esteem as they make choices and decisions.

Children are very well behaved. They know the rules and boundaries so they have a very clear understanding of what is expected regarding their behaviour. They state, 'we share and are kind to each other'. They are well mannered and very sociable, they use please and thank you to each other and to adults. Children enjoy mutually respectful relationships with the staff who are kind, fair and listen to them. They demonstrate a positive and mature attitude towards each other as they recognise and respect the needs of younger children and those with additional needs. Staff ensure all children are fully involved in the life of the setting through changing or adapting play activities. This contributes to a happy and harmonious environment for

all children attending the camp.

Effective relationships with parents contribute to children's well-being at the camp. Regular exchange of information ensures children's needs are well met. Parents are confident that their children are safe and are happy with the care, activities and friendly staff who are interested in their children.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Children benefit from an enthusiastic, well organised staff team who are well informed and work well together. This contributes to children feeling happy and confident at the camp. Children's play, learning and development is enhanced by the warm and friendly relationships between staff and children. The individual needs of children are well catered for because staff spend time getting to know the children and families.

All required documentation which contributes to children's health, safety and well-being is in place and kept in good order. The good staffing ratios ensure all children receive good levels of support and attention, including children with additional needs. Space and resources are organised to promote children's safety, care and learning.

Overall, the provision meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Recommendations made at the last inspection have been addressed.

An appropriate range of resources which promote equality of opportunity and anti discriminatory practice are available. This ensures that children are made more aware of wider society.

All required written policies and procedures are up to date and available for inspection. The public liability insurance certificate is on display. This ensures that parents are more informed and their children are cared for in a safer environment.

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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

- ensure snacks are healthy and nutritious.

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