



New Longton All Saints Time Out Club

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 inadequate - notice of action to improve. The registered person does not meet the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

New Longton All Saints Time Out Club opened in January 2004 and operates from a main hall within a purpose built building. It is situated in a rural village on the outskirts of Preston. The club is open each weekday from 07.45 to 09.00 and 15.15 to 17.45 term time.

There are currently 40 children on roll, of which, 27 are from four to under eight years.

The club employs four members of staff. Three of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications. One member of staff is working towards a qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is inadequate.

In the main suitable steps are taken to promote children's health. For example, appropriate standards of cleanliness are maintained in the setting. Staff are pro-active at cleaning tables before and after children have their snacks to minimise the risk of cross contamination. Children are encouraged to adopt sound personal hygiene practices as staff encourage children to wash their hands before snacks. However, they are not encouraged to use the soap that is provided and understand why this is important.

There are appropriate procedures in place for staff to follow in the event that a child is unwell or has an accident. Records of accidents are well documented and signed by parents. However, there is no member of staff appropriately qualified in first aid to attend to any child requiring treatment. This is a breach in the requirements of registration.

Children benefit from daily physical activities that promote the development of large muscle skills. They take part in a variety of activities including ball games, football and skipping, making good use of the outdoor area. Therefore, children have ample fresh air and exercise. Children are sometimes provided with healthy choices, such as fresh fruit and salad. However, they are frequently provided with foods that have high sugar, such as biscuits, cakes and chocolate spread. Therefore, children are not encouraged to understand the importance of healthy eating and a good balance of foods.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is inadequate.

Children are cared for in a welcoming and safe environment. Staff demonstrate a sound understanding of how to prevent accidents. They minimise the dangers to children both indoors and outdoors by providing a well laid out setting and having clear rules and expectations for behaviour. For example, there are agreed areas for children to play outdoors to keep them safe.

There are adequate systems in place for ensuring the toys and resources that children use are of good quality and are safe. Therefore, children are able to move around and play in a safe and well organised environment.

There is an incomplete child protection statement that does not support staff practice. The statement does not reflect the procedures to follow in line with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff. This is a breach in regulation. As a result, staff know what should concern them but the reference materials give them little information. Therefore, procedures relating to the protection of children are not sufficient.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are settled in a relaxed and supportive environment. They quickly engage in activities on arrival and are secure in the routines of the club. Good relationships between staff and children are formed which enhances children's confidence. Children play well together in small groups mixing with different age groups. They share resources well, such as the computer and pool table, without intervention by adults. As a result, children are happy and experience a setting where their ideas are valued.

Staff plan a wide range of activities and use the available resources and equipment well. These suitably engage children in play, which keeps them occupied. Children have good opportunities to participate in creative activities, such as junk modelling, painting and baking.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children have good opportunities to fully participate within the club as their individual needs are recognised and supported by staff. They have access to some resources that reflect positive images of diversity. Children's awareness of the wider world is promoted through the celebration of different festivals. For example, they celebrate Chinese New Year; a display is created using children's art work, showing where China is on a map and examples of proverbs.

Children behave well and respond to the staffs requests. For example, help tidy toys away, line up at the door and help bring in the outdoor equipment. Emphasis is placed on sharing and being kind to one another. Children are polite and well mannered and staff respond appropriate and politely to children's questions and requests.

Staff and parents exchange information about the children's care each day as parents bring and collect their children. This benefits the children as closer links between home and the club are created.

Organisation

The organisation is inadequate.

Children enjoy their time in the setting. They are busy and well occupied as they benefit from the attention given to organising a suitable range of interesting activities. Staff maximise the use of available space, which gives children the ability to move around freely and access the activity of their choice. For example, children independently play both inside and outside throughout the session.

Satisfactory ratios of adults staff the club each day and the majority of the team hold a child care qualification, which enhances the quality of the children's care. However, knowledge of some of the requirements of the National Standards is limited. The manager has not submitted checks to complete the vetting procedure to determine suitability. This is a breach in condition of registration. Ofsted was not notified of the change in manager. This is a breach in regulation.

Most policies and procedures for managing children's care are in place, which are implemented appropriately by staff to ensure the well-being of children. However, the register of attendance does not always record the hours of attendance of children. This is a breach in regulation.

Overall, the provision does not meet the needs of the range of the children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last inspection the provider agreed to increase the range of toys and equipment that reflect diversity and ensure policies, procedures and confidentiality are improved.

Since the last inspection the provider has increased provision of activities to reflect diversity. They have developed the policies and procedures to include the arrival and departure times for staff; an uncollected child policy; a complaints procedure to include the details of the regulator and maintain confidentiality of the accident record. However, the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff or volunteer has yet to be devised. Therefore is raised as an action at this inspection.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since the last inspection there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet the National Standards.

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, the registered person **must** take the following actions:

- make sure enough staff are trained in first aid to ensure that at least one member of staff with a current first aid certificate is on the premises or on outings at any one time
- ensure that the child protection procedure complies with those of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and includes procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation made against a member of staff or volunteer

- ensure all persons providing day care must submit to checks described in regulations as determined by Ofsted. Ofsted must be satisfied that the registered person is and continues to be qualified for registration
- ensure the record for registering children's attendance on a daily basis, showing hours of attendance is completed
- improve knowledge and understanding of the requirements set out in regulations and set in place a procedure to notify Ofsted of relevant matters.

These actions are set out in a *notice of action to improve* and must be completed by the date specified in the notice.

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