

Carpenters & Docklands Centre

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

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Carpenters and Docklands Out of School is an Out of School provision. It opened in 1994 and operates from four rooms at the Carpenters and Docklands Community Centre. It is situated in the Stratford area in the London borough of Newham. A maximum of 38 children under the age of eight years may attend the provision at any one time. Carpenters and Docklands Out of School also provides care for children aged from eight to eleven. The provision is open each weekday from 07.45 to 08.50 and 15.00 to 18.00 during term time only and 07.45 to 18.00 in school holidays. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 10 children aged from five to under eight years on roll. All children attending are taken to and collected from a number of local schools by mini-bus and on foot.

The provision employs ten members of staff. Of these, eight hold appropriate early years qualifications and two are working towards a qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The children's meals are nutritiously balanced most of the time. For example breakfast and afternoon snacks include fresh fruit and vegetables served with drinking water. This enables the children to maintain a healthy diet. At times snacks include sugary foods which does not promote good standards of dental health. The children do wash their hands before handling food thereby helping to reduce cross infection. There are regular opportunities for children to take part in variety of sport events to develop their physical skills. For example children are able to get physically fit through yoga, obstacle racing and playing football. The staff are trained in first aid. They manage children's medical health appropriately by ensuring a record is kept of medication and consent is obtained for emergency medical treatment. This helps to safeguard children's welfare.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The children attending the breakfast and after school club, are learning about personal safety. They take part in fire evacuations which promotes their awareness of possible dangers. Also the resources are positioned well and kept in a suitable condition to enable children to have easy access. The staff ensure the premises are safe for children in some areas by ensuring the premises are well maintained. The group also conduct risk assessments but at times risk assessments do not cover all potential hazards. An example of potential hazards includes the rear exit doors which are not sufficiently secured to prevent children leaving the premises unsupervised. A record of children's accidents is maintained. Occasionally the times children arrive are not consistently recorded in the attendance register. This does not provide a full account of children's activities. The staff have received training in safeguarding children and clear procedures to guide them. The manager is clear about her role and who to contact when concerned about the welfare of a child. This helps to protect children from harm.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

The children have a host of enjoyable activities to choose from each day. Children have fun in team sports such as football, they learn about their bodies and develop flexibility when doing yoga and they build their confidence in drama activities. The children also have the chance to initiate their own activities such as requesting to decorate their nails. The children are becoming more adept with the computer as they use a range of information technology such as a projector to make short films. The staff are well deployed to engage purposefully with the children. This helps to establish trusting relations with the children and also enables them to settle well.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

The children behave well. They are friendly and polite. When playing in groups the children demonstrate a sound understanding of right and wrong in terms of sharing and turn taking. The children are developing an understanding of the wider world. They are provided with resources that reflect positive images of diversity in the wider community. For example the

children can choose books that depict people with different abilities, cultures and religious backgrounds. The children are relaxed and familiar when in the setting. They are able to receive consistent care owed to the useful exchange of information between staff parents and carers.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The children have sufficient space in the setting in which to enjoy a range of activities. The staff are trained and experienced in play work. This helps to ensure children are cared for by suitable adults. All the necessary documentation is in place to promote children's welfare. There are some shortcomings with some food offered to children and some records such as the attendance register and, risk assessments lacking detail. The setting meets the needs of the range of children to whom care is provided.

Improvements since the last inspection

Since the last inspection the group were issued two recommendations. These recommendations include ensuring the attendance record includes the relevant details and also to update the policy on safeguarding children. The group have updated the safeguarding children's policy to reflect new guidance. This helps to ensure children are protected from significant harm. The group also record children's attendance however this is not always consistently maintained and therefore does not always provide a full account of children's attendance.

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 further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- reduce the amount of sugary foods offered to children to promote good dental health
- ensure risk assessments take account of all potential hazards such as the security of doors at the back of the building
- ensure children's attendance is consistently recorded each day

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