

Spring Harvest

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Claire Cook

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Registered person	Spring Harvest
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Type of inspection	Childcare
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Type of care	Crèche
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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.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. Ofsted judges that the provider remains suitable to provide care.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Spring Harvest is a Christian festival which runs for a three week period each year over Easter. The event has been running since 1987. During the festival the organisers run crèche facilities for the children of adults attending. During the sessions children have the opportunity to take part in activities focusing on the Christian faith.

The crèche is registered for 900 children under eight years of age. Babies aged three months to children up to eight years are grouped according to age in various areas around the site, including the Butlins Nursery. The crèche is registered for 30 under twos, 120 two to three year olds, 150 three to five year olds and 600 five to eight year olds, a total of 900. Groups within these ages do not exceed 26 children. The under five sessions operate three times per day for under an hour and a quarter each with a maximum of two sessions per child per day. The over fives have a daily session for three hours. There are currently 479 children on roll. The children have access to an outdoor play area.

Staff hold appropriate qualifications in Early Years, teaching, nursing or have many years experience within Spring Harvest.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

The provider has a sound understanding of suitable procedures to:

promote children's good health, by ensuring that positive steps are taken to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures are put in place when children are ill (National Standard 7: Health)

ensure that food and drink for children is adequate, properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements. (National Standard 8: Food and drink).

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The premises are safe, secure and include the necessary facilities for children. The provider demonstrates an awareness of how to ensure the environment is made welcoming to children. (National Standard 4: Physical environment)

The furniture, equipment and toys are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. (National Standard 5: Equipment)

The provider understands how to promote children's safety and take precautions to prevent accidents. (National Standard 6: Safety)

The provider has a sound knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, and is aware of their responsibility to protect the welfare of the child. (National Standard 13: Child Protection)

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

The provider has a satisfactory knowledge of how individual children, develop and learn. (National Standard 3: Care, learning and play)

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Spring Harvest:

has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern (National Standard 9: Equal opportunities)

is aware that some children may have learning difficulties or disabilities, and understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and with other professionals to promote the welfare and development of the child (National Standard 10: Special needs)

shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way which promotes the child's welfare and development (National Standard 11: behaviour)

has a satisfactory understanding of the need to develop a strong partnership with parents, taking into account their differing needs. (National Standard 12: Working in partnership with parents and carers)

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Spring Harvest:

is aware of the duty to ensure that staff working on the premises are suitable to be in contact with children (National Standard 1: Suitable person)

understands the importance of working within the constraints of the condition of registration relating to number of children; and of organising space and resources to best meet the needs of the children (National Standard 2: Organisation)

has a sound awareness of the records to be kept and the importance of these. (National Standard 14: Documentation)

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last inspection the provider was requested to take the following actions: to provide an action plan demonstrating robust recruitment procedures to ensure staff's suitability and that all managers, staff and volunteers have the appropriate experience, skills and ability to do their jobs; to develop an induction programme for all staff to ensure they are familiar with the National Standards and implement policies and procedures consistently.

These actions have been addressed. An action plan was supplied and recruitment procedures for staff is more rigorous to ensure their suitability and any additional staff seconded from the venue to work within the provision are requested to provide proof of suitability prior to them working.

The recruitment procedures do ensure that all managers, staff and volunteers have the appropriate experience, skills and ability as required to ensure regulatory requirements are met. The induction programme for staff is updated annually to ensure any new regulatory requirements are met.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration, 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 have procedures for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and to keep a record of complaints and their outcome.

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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):

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the leaflet *Complaints about Ofsted Early Years: concerns or complaints about Ofsted's role in regulating and inspecting childcare and early education* (HMI ref no 2599) which is available from Ofsted's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk