

Club-V @ Topsfield Parade

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?

Club-V@ Topfield Parade opened in 2007. The crèche is situated within purpose-built premises at the health club in Crouch End. It offers a service to parents using the health club facilities. It is registered for 17 children and accepts children from the age of six weeks to eight years old. There are eight children on roll. The setting is open from 09:00 to 20:00, Monday to Friday, and from 09:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. Four members of staff work on a full- or part-time basis. All have a childcare qualification. Children stay in the crèche for a maximum of two hours a day and parents remain on the premises.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children maintain a satisfactory standard of health through being cared for in clean surroundings where suitable measures are in place to prevent the spread of infection. The children are able to make full use of the resources and space indoors as the staff keep the environment consistently clean. The children learn about ways to maintain their personal hygiene as they wash their hands after using the toilet. Children's health is fostered well by the staff, who are

knowledgeable about first aid and have appropriate procedures for emergency treatment and how to administer medicines safely. The children develop their mobility as they extend their physical skills when they practise crawling, balancing and walking.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The children are kept safe by the staff's close supervision of them. The children are able to play in safety in some areas. There are practical procedures in place for the implementation of fire drills and recording children's attendance. This helps to ensure children are alerted to dangers and that staff are aware of which children are on the premises. There are some shortcomings in the arrangements for the security of the premises because the entry door is not secure. This compromises children's safety because the setting can be accessed by people other than the staff. The children enjoy using a range of early years learning toys and equipment that are safe and in suitable condition. The staff demonstrate a clear commitment to safeguarding children's welfare. The staff have received training in this area and are aware of the possible signs of child abuse and what action to take. This helps to ensure children are protected from significant harm.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

The children are confident. They are stimulated by the choice of activities and the good one-to-one attention they receive from the staff. The children are able to explore colour, sounds and texture as they investigate the multi-gym equipment. They develop their communication skills as they listen attentively to the staff and practise sounding out words. The children enjoy other interesting activities, such as looking at books, role play in the home corner, building with construction, and art and crafts. The staff interact very well with the children by sitting at the children's level, maintaining eye contact and talking calmly to reassure children. This enables the children to form a trusting relationship with the staff. In addition, the staff praise the children for their efforts, which develops the children's self-esteem.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

New children settle well because the staff work closely with the parents in the settling in process to obtain useful information about the needs of the children. Children receive consistent care from the staff because parents are warmly welcomed into the setting to share information about their children's progress. The children behave well. They are encouraged to share and take turns with resources and are praised for being cooperative. Children learn to value the different cultures and abilities of others as they socialise with children from the wider community and use resources that positively reflect diversity.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

The children move around the setting with ease as most areas are well organised with resources that are easily accessible to them. All information about the children's care and development is kept in a confidential manner and available to share with parents. This helps to ensure the children receive consistent care. At times the security arrangements of the setting do not

effectively ensure children are appropriately safeguarded. The staff are qualified and appropriately vetted for their suitability to care for children. The setting meets the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable: this is the first inspection since registration.

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 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 there are effective security arrangements to safeguard children's welfare

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