



Bell Green Library Creche

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?

The crèche was registered for the Children and Family Education Services division of Coventry City Council in 2005. They provide crèche facilities at Bell Green library where there is provision for computer, ESOL and childcare courses, which take place in the upstairs area of the building.

The crèche have sole use of the room and it consists of a large crèche room, kitchen, toilet facilities and storage. The outdoor area at this time is not suitable for use, although it is secure. The crèche is registered for 12 children from nought to five years. It operates term time only. Current opening hours are from 09.15 to 15.15

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. These times will vary according to the courses in progress. Children will usually stay for approximately two and a half hours at any one time.

There are three permanent staff who work with the children. All the staff have a suitable childcare qualification in early years.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a warm, clean environment which is welcoming and child orientated. Staff promote and encourage good hygiene practices and children learn the importance of sensible hygiene and personal care. Children understand they must wash their hands after going to the toilet, before food and after messy play. Staff monitor the resources and equipment to ensure they are clean for the babies and young children's use.

Children enjoy a range of activities which promotes movement and exercise, for example the use of soft play equipment for climbing and a safe environment is provided for the babies to crawl, investigate and explore. The small outdoor area is under- used for fresh air and physical play and an improvement in this area would enhance the crèche facility. A sick children's policy is made available to parents which protects other children using the crèche. All staff have a current first aid certificate and medication and accident records are in place.

Children enjoy a mid-session snack. Parents also provide food and drink for the babies. All parents' wishes are respected and all children are offered regular drinks to ensure none remain thirsty.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a safe and secure environment. Children cannot access any areas that are unsafe and security on the premises is good. Staff regularly assess hazards which may impact on the children. The group has a written evacuation procedure in place and staff practise this with the children. Toy resources and equipment are kept clean and in good condition. Staff monitor the babies' toys for safety and suitability and when ages are mixed, staff ensure that babies do not access any resources that would be dangerous. Children have good independent access to toys and activities. The room is well organised and children have sufficient space for movement and play.

Children are well protected. Staff have attended child protection training and are well aware of their responsibilities. They have a secure understanding of child protection issues and the procedure to follow where there are any concerns.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children have good opportunities to take part in a variety of activities which are suitable for the age group using the crèche. Children benefit from skilled staff who are able to settle the children in quickly to the crèche routine. Meeting the children's needs is a priority for the staff and they are flexible with the routine, which helps children who do not regularly attend, to settle. Staff are starting to use the 'Birth to three matters' framework and they have a good understanding of child development and the range of experiences which enables babies and young children to make greater use of their senses and creative abilities.

Children respond well to the staff. Babies receive lots of cuddles and individual attention whilst staff also ensure that the older children are occupied and well stimulated in play. Children enjoy a wide range of play experiences on offer and the good supply of resources available. They have good opportunities to explore their creativity through paint, water, dough and sand. This helps children work through their feelings and ideas in a variety of ways.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and children with special needs would be welcomed into any of the Family Education Service crèches. The provision ensures that resources positively represent the children who attend as well as individuals from the wider community. This help children develop a positive attitude to others. Children are valued and respected and there is a commitment from staff to ensure that children are secure and included. Strategies for managing the children's behaviour are appropriate for the age and stage of development of the children attending.

Children benefit from the positive relationship the staff have with their parents. Babies settle well because staff work closely with parents to ensure they follow the individual baby's routine wherever possible. Parents and staff exchange information on a regular basis which benefits the children's overall well-being.

Organisation

The organisation is good.

Staff have created a well organised environment where children and their parents are welcomed. Well trained and qualified staff provide a range of interesting and stimulating activities for the varying ages that attend. Children benefit from ongoing staff training which is provided with the aim of enhancing skills, knowledge and professional development.

Clear procedures and policies support staff in working successfully with the children. Partnership with parents is well developed and staff have all required information and

permissions from parents. All documentation is well maintained and up to date. The children are happy and settled. Staff have a flexible routine which benefits the children's continuity of care which is effective in meeting the children's overall needs.

Improvements since the last inspection

This not applicable as this is a 7 month inspection of a newly registered provision.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection. 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):

- improve the outdoor area.

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