



Skamps Kids Klub

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?

Skamps Kids Club operates from a portakabin in the grounds of Middlemarch School in Nuneaton and is approximately a mile from the town centre. The children also have use of the hall, toilet facilities and an outdoor play ground and playing fields, directly adjacent to their room.

The club is to be registered for 40 children between the ages of four to eleven years and 27 children are currently on roll. The club operates from 7.45 to 8.45 and 15.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday, during term time only. There are two staff, one of which is the manager and holds a recognised play work qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in an environment that is clean and maintained. Clear routines are in place and children are happy and settled. Hygiene practises are understood by staff and children and they take care of their own personal hygiene, visiting the bathroom as a group before snack and just before the end of the session. Staff complete appropriate cleaning of surfaces before and after snack time.

Staff are aware of procedures in the event of an accident, however, the first aid box is not stocked sufficiently to be beneficial in the event of an accident. Parents are encouraged to share information about their child's health needs and health records are up to date.

Children receive breakfast each day and enjoy a choice of snacks each evening, which take into account their dietary preferences. Hot and cold drinks are provided and soup is available if preferred. Children benefit from daily outdoor play in the large playground and are asked to vote whether or not they want to play outside. However, children are not able to stay indoors if they wish to. A variety of bats, balls, footballs and rugby balls are provided.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Children benefit from a safe, secure environment and staff who consider their welfare during everyday routines. Although risk assessments have been completed they were only available at the end of the inspection. Children learn to keep themselves safe for example, they know they must not run within the setting and certain areas of the outdoor play area are out of bounds. Children are supervised and benefit from clear procedures regarding their safe departure from the setting with a known adult.

Although a fire evacuation procedure is available it was not displayed and no drills have taken place since the setting opened. Therefore, putting children at risk. Children access a range of toys and equipment which are maintained and checked regularly by staff to ensure suitability.

Staff have an understanding of child protection procedures and are aware of the importance of keeping up to date with legislation. However, a policy outlining appropriate procedures in case of an allegation against a member of staff is not in place and therefore poses a risk to children.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy, relaxed and settle well. They make informed decisions about the

play opportunities available to them and enjoy the positive interaction with staff. However, although play is provided, the range of resources and activities are limited and do not always maintain children's interest. Children are able to move around freely in a spacious environment and benefit from daily outdoor play.

Firm relationships have been formed between the children. They interact well together and support each other, especially the older children who help the younger ones completing activities and games. Children are cared for as individuals and the staff : child ratio was suitable. Positive interaction was observed between children and staff, who were involved in the activities for example, board and card games.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

All children are welcomed into the provision and their needs are known and addressed by staff. Children learn about other cultures and beliefs through activities, resources and discussions. Children with special needs attend the group and their needs catered for, taking into account parents wishes. Children have equal access to all equipment and activities.

Children respond positively to praise and encouragement and behaviour is generally good. Rules are in place within the setting and staff encourage the children to be kind, take turns and consider each other.

Children are encouraged to share information through daily discussions with staff, which means they are working well together. Parents are kept up to date and children are cared for in a setting where clear partnership with parents is maintained.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children are cared for in a clean and maintained environment and are happy and settled. Children benefit from the firm relationships that they have formed with the staff and their peers.

Most required documentation is in place, however, no staff records or policies were available during the inspection. At present not all parents escort their children to the group, choosing to watch them walk to the building and staff register them on their behalf. The registered person does not find this a satisfactory arrangement and feels the children's safety may be compromised. Therefore, she is taking steps to ensure parents are aware of the need to escort their child to the premises at all times.

Overall, the provision meets the needs of the children who attend the provision.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

Since registration there are no complaints to report. 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 the first aid box is properly stocked and maintained.
- ensure the fire evacuation is known by the children, practised and appropriate records completed.
- develop play and resources to meet the needs and abilities of the children
- develop a policy that outlines procedures to follow following an allegation of abuse against a member of staff.

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