

Whitefriars Centre Playscheme

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection Childcare

Type of care Out of School care

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?

Harrow Teachers Centre Playscheme opened in 1998. It operates from the premises of Harrow Teachers Centre in a residential area of Harrow Weald. It has sole use of the building which consists of a gym and a large hall which is an annex to the Harrow Teachers Centre main building.

This play scheme is one of four holiday play schemes operated by the Arts and Leisure Services of London Borough of Harrow. All the play schemes are managed by one co-ordinator.

The play scheme is registered to provide a total of 40 places for children aged between 5 years to under 8 years. Children from 8 to 12 years also attend.

The play scheme opens five days per week during school holidays. Sessions are from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. Eight staff including a person in charge and a deputy work with the children. Most staff are university/college students, with some having relevant childcare qualifications. There are also two carers who provide one to one care to two children with special needs.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Improvements since the last inspection

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report on.

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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):

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