



Kare 4 Kids

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 inadequate - notice of action to improve. The registered person does not meet the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

Kare 4 Kids is owned by Kare 4 Kids Limited. It is one of four clubs owned by the company and was registered in August 2005. The club is based in Lostock Primary School and uses the school hall and from classrooms detailed on the certificate when the hall is not available. It is situated in the Lostock area of Bolton. A maximum of 24 children may attend the club at any one time. The club is open each week day from 15.30 to 18.00 term time only. Children have use of the school outdoor play areas.

There are currently 36 children aged from 4 years to under 11 years on roll.

The club employs four staff. Three of the staff, including the manager, hold appropriate early years qualifications. One of the members of staff who currently holds a level two qualification is working towards a level three qualification in child care.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children stay healthy because staff follow current and appropriate health and hygiene policies and procedures. Children follow suitable hygiene routines, for example, they wash their hands before eating their snack. They also understand the importance of hand washing 'to get rid of germs'.

Individual dietary needs are met well through effective discussion with parents. Children are able to choose from a selection of sandwiches and biscuits. The club do generally not promote healthy eating options with children. They have a choice of sugar free fruit juice and water with drinks, which are readily available throughout the session.

Children enjoy regular outdoor play provided the weather is suitable, for example, playing football and cricket. They are also able to rest on the bench outdoors or on chairs indoors when they are tired.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is inadequate.

Children are cared for in a satisfactory environment where they are able to choose activities from a selection made available by staff. Although children can request to change the activities. Children have designated areas of play, for example, a craft area and a construction area.

Children use suitable and safe equipment and any broken toys or equipment are removed. Catalogues are used to enable children to be included in choosing new equipment for the club. Regular fire drills are held and children know what to do in case of fire. They keep each other safe, for example, holding the door open as children pass through. Risk assessment are used to identify and action new risks to children. However, the premises are not secure as the door is left open and staff are not aware of who has entered the club. This compromises children's security and safety.

Children are protected because staff have a satisfactory understanding of their role in child protection and are able to put appropriate procedures into practice when necessary.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy and well settled in the club as they arrive from school. Children enjoy a variety of activities and are able to request additional or alternative activities from those provided by staff. They use their initiative as they create a tent using material draped over a piece of equipment. This activity is further enhanced by the addition of home corner resources. Children acquire new skills as younger children try to roll and tumble on the floor mats.

Positive relationships are made between the children as they chat together at snack time and outdoors as they sit on the bench. Children are at ease with staff who provide daily care in the club. Children are learning to take turns as they play snooker together.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are treated with equal concern. They settle well through effective settling in procedures, staff gather relevant information from parents in order to provide appropriate care for their child. Younger children are beginning to learn about the club rules. However, they are not always offered explanations when not complying with them. Older children understand and follow the club rules. Children become aware of wider society through positive images on the walls and a satisfactory selection of resources.

Children's care is enhanced through daily discussion with parents at the end of the day. Staff have a mainly positive partnership with parents and carers, but do not always notice the arrival of all parents due to lack of security of the premises. Parents' views received during inspection were positive and they felt that staff are approachable to discuss any issues. Parents have ready access to the clubs' complaints procedure, but this does not take account of recent changes in legislation.

Organisation

The organisation is inadequate.

Children are cared for by staff who are suitable and vetted to care for children. However, no record is available to verify staff who work with children on a daily basis. Space indoors is well organised and children can move freely. Children benefit from sufficient staff holding a relevant child care qualification.

The majority of required records are in place to support children's care. However, not all procedures work in practice as the premises are not secure and this compromises children's safety.

The provision does not meet the needs of the range of children for whom it provides.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Complaints since the last inspection

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since registration.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints recorded 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, the registered person **must** take the following actions:

- ensure there is a system in place to record staff attendance on a daily basis, showing hours of attendance
- ensure that the premises are secure at all times and that people are unable to enter without permission.

These actions are set out in a **notice of action to improve** and must be completed by the date specified in the notice.

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