



Newcomen Primary School (Big Katt Club)

Inspection report for early years provision

Unique Reference Number	EY246443
Inspection date	11 April 2006
Inspector	Sandra Davies
Setting Address	Trent Road, Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 1NL
Telephone number	01642 775588
E-mail	
Registered person	Tiny Turners Nurseries
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

For more information about early years inspections, please see the booklet *Are you ready for your inspection?* which is available from Ofsted's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk.

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?

'Big Katt Club' is part of the Tiny Turners Nursery group. It has been registered since March 2003 and has 35 children on roll. It offers breakfast, after school and holiday care and is situated at Newcomen Primary School in Redcar. The setting is a single storey prefabricated building with its own enclosed outdoor play area, within the grounds of the school. There is one large room, a hall, kitchen and toilets. Children attending surrounding schools and up to the age of 14 years can be cared for. However, only children under 10 years are attending at present. Operating times are 07.30 to 09.00 and 15.00 to 18.00 during term time, 07.30 to 18.00 during school holidays.

Big Katt Club have sole use of the premises during times of operation. There are three members of staff and all hold a child care qualification.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Staff promote the health of children well, take positive steps to prevent infection and appropriate measures when children are ill. Hand washing is encouraged and children know why. For example, 'to keep germs away'. Children are cared for in a warm, clean environment. Systems are in place for addressing children's health needs. For example, staff hold appropriate first aid qualifications and there is a policy in place regarding sick children. However, the medication record is not signed by the parent to acknowledge the entry.

A healthy diet is provided. Drinks are readily available and children enjoy varied and nutritious meals and snacks. These comply with all special dietary requirements to ensure children remain healthy. Children learn about healthy eating through discussion at circle time and food themes.

Children's large physical development is supported with opportunities for outdoor play. There is a good range of outdoor play equipment, including large wooden structures for children to climb and balance. Visits to the park and woods also take place. Children are able to relax in the homely corner of the room where there are low chairs, books and a television.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

The premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. They provide adequate space in an appropriate location. They are welcoming to children and offer access to the necessary facilities for a range of activities which promote their development.

Children use a range of good quality toys and equipment which is appropriate to their age and stage of development. The toys are well organised and displayed to encourage independent access.

Children's risk of accidental injury is minimised because risk assessments are carried out at the beginning of each session. There are safety and security precautions in place, such as a key pad system on the entrance door. Staff help keep children safe in the setting and on outings.

Priority is given to children's welfare from staff who have a clear understanding of child protection procedures.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children's individual needs are met and their welfare is promoted well. They are settled and happy in the setting and routines have been established. This promotes children's sense of security and develops their confidence. Staff plan and provide good activities and play opportunities to develop children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities. There are opportunities for individual play or group activities and staff support children who want to do their homework.

Good relationships are evident between the children and staff. This contributes to the children's sense of belonging.

Displays of children's work allow parents to see that their children's efforts are acknowledged and appreciated by the adults in the setting. Children interact well with each other, during activities and whilst sat together at meal and snack times.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

There are some activities and resources which reflect the wider world. This helps children develop a positive attitude to others. Staff demonstrate a willingness to accommodate children's individual needs.

Children's behaviour is managed in a way which promotes their welfare and development. Staff encourage children to understand responsible behaviour and play harmoniously with others. Parents are made aware of the behaviour management policy through the information booklet.

Staff work in partnership with parents to meet the needs of the children well. There is an information booklet available to parents and they are invited to complete a questionnaire about the service offered. There is a complaints procedure in place. However, this does not include a procedure for recording complaints.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Children benefit from being cared for by staff who are qualified and experienced in childcare. All staff members have a good knowledge and understanding of children's needs. They work well as a team and are clear about their individual responsibilities. Although the registered person is in breach of a regulation by not ensuring that Ofsted were aware of the appointment of a new manager, the rigorous procedures in place for the vetting of all staff means that children's safety and well-being is well maintained.

Space and resources are organised to meet the children's need effectively. They feel at home and at ease in the warm, inviting environment. This enables them to be confident and to initiate their own play and learning. Staff to child ratios are met. However, there is one member of staff, on duty at the breakfast club and at the

beginning of the day when operating full day care.

Records, policies and procedures, which are required for the efficient and safe management of the provision, and to promote the welfare, care and learning of children, are in place. Records are stored securely. Overall, children's needs are met.

Improvements since the last inspection

At the last inspection recommendations were given on carrying out risk assessments, fire drills and request information on dietary requirements. These have been carried out. There was also a recommendation to extend the behaviour management policy to include bullying, extend the child protection policy to include allegations made against a member of staff, ensure that child protection procedures comply with local guidelines and ensure that policy and procedure documents are more accessible to parents. These are now in place. As a result of these recommendations being put in place, children's safety and well-being are enhanced.

Effective staff deployment remains a recommendation.

Complaints since the last inspection

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.

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 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 that parents sign the record of medicines administered, to acknowledge the entry
- further develop the written complaints procedure to include the complaints record procedure
- ensure that Ofsted is made aware of any changes in managers
- ensure that there are a minimum of two adults on duty.

Any complaints about the inspection or the report should be made following the procedures set out in the leaflet *Building better childcare: Compliments and concerns about inspectors' judgements* which is available from Ofsted's website: www.ofsted.gov.uk