



Broadmeadow Sports Centre

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?

Teignbridge District Council operates an after school club at Broadmeadow Sports Centre located on the outskirts of Teignmouth, Devon. It was reregistered last September due to a change of management. The after school club provides care for up to 24 children from 15:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday term-times only and is run by two members of staff who hold, or are working towards, appropriate childcare qualifications. There are currently 54 children on roll.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are cared for appropriately in an emergency as the staff are qualified in first aid. There are suitable systems in place to record accidents and consents are in place to seek emergency medical advice or treatment. Children are not always reminded of the importance to wash their hands. For example, on arrival they are offered fresh pieces of fruit when they do not wash their hands and eat as they move around the room playing including physical activities on soft play equipment.

Children enjoy a selection of healthy fruits and carrots and have toast with a variety of toppings that they are able to select for themselves. The main tea time is well organised and the children enjoy the opportunity to sit together and talk about their day.

Children are unable to play outside; however, they have use of the sports hall for physical activities including the use of a parachute for games. Children's safety is at times at risk when equipment is being used by older children during these times, for example, footballs.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is inadequate.

Children have space to play within the centre; they have use of one room upstairs and the sports hall. Children are supervised well when moving on the stairs and always accompanied to the toilet area. However, there has been no recent risk assessment conducted to identify hazards, particularly with people being able to enter the rooms at any time. The visitors' book is not being rigorously used and the use of footballs by older children poses a risk to young children attending.

Children have use of resources that are in good condition, however, they are insufficient to provide variety, challenge and stimulation for all the children attending.

Children's welfare in relation to child protection is protected by the staff's clear knowledge of the procedure to follow and the training they have undertaken.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is inadequate.

Children are happy and relate well to each other, however, the lack of resources often means their play is aimless and they are bored. There are insufficient resources to provide challenge and interest for all the children attending. Children play well in groups and individually but are often looking for something more to do. Staff know the children well and encourage children's confidence and self-esteem.

Children are not in a hurry to leave when parents arrive and enjoy the opportunity to play with school friends. However, they do not have sufficient resources to enable them to use their own imagination and creativity. Children make their own choice of resources available.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is satisfactory.

Children are happy and relate well to each other and the staff and are keen to share their news. They listen well to instructions from staff. Children's positive behaviour is promoted well by the staff that ensure consistency when dealing with behaviour management. Children behave well and they are thoughtful and caring to each other.

Children with special needs are supported well by the two members of staff who have completed training and are aware of the importance of inclusion. The children are sensitive and supportive of each other. The staff endeavour to ensure all the children are treated equally; however, there are occasions when this is not always possible due to needs of individual children. Children have opportunities to learn about different festivals throughout the year. However, they have limited resources to raise their awareness on a daily basis.

Parents are warmly welcomed on arrival and information is shared verbally. There are clear arrangements recorded to show who is responsible and allowed to collect the children.

Organisation

The organisation is inadequate.

The setting does not meet the needs of the range of children for whom it provides care. Children are cared for by staff who are vetted and keen to ensure children are cared for well. Children's personal details are recorded, however, policies have not been recently reviewed and there is no complaints log in place and the registration certificate is not displayed. There is a secure system for signing children in and out which works well, however, anyone can easily access the areas and visitors are not always recorded.

The management are not meeting their registration requirements as they are operating a crèche with unqualified members of staff and have not complied with the request made to apply for a variation to include it in their registration. A request was made to change the nominated person for the setting, however, information requested to deal with this has not been received.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

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.

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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:

- submit a registration change request and action plan with timescales to show how the National Standards will be met in relation to the crèche to include staff qualifications, security of premises and procedures.
- provide a suitable range of toys and resources to meet the needs of all the children and that also reflect diversity and provide stimulation and challenge
- assess the risks to children in relation to all areas used with particular attention to visitors gaining access and when footballs are used in the sports hall
- review all documentation with particular attention to the complaints log, certificate to be displayed and visitors recorded

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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