



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 07/07/2004
Inspector Name Lynn Amelia Hartigan

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Hopscotch Day Nursery
Setting Address School Road
Kelvedon Hatch
Essex
CM15 0DH

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Hopscotch Day Nursery 4583194

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Hopscotch Day Nursery
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ABOUT THE INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality and standard of day care. When making judgements, inspectors have regard to how well the provider meets the National Standards for under Eights Day Care and Childminding. A list of these is attached. The report identifies strengths and areas for improvement.

This inspection report must be made available to all parents.

Information about the setting

Hopscotch Day Nursery opened in 2003. It operates from a modular building at the rear of Kelvedon Hatch primary school, in the rural area of Kelvedon Hatch . The nursery serves not only the local village but the wider community.

The nursery is registered to provide places for thirty five children aged between birth and five years. There are currently forty two children on roll. This includes 14 funded three year olds and 3 funded four year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions.

The setting supports children with special needs and who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery opens five days a week all year round. Sessions are from 07:30 until 18:00.

Six part time staff and five full time staff work with the children. Eight staff members have early years qualifications to NVQ level two or three. One staff member is currently on a training programme.

The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Hopscotch Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children.

There is an organised staff team with relevant childcare qualifications, providing a secure and reassuring environment. The nursery which includes a large garden area is well maintained. The environment is bright, clean and very welcoming to both parents and children.

All procedures and arrangements are in place to ensure children's safety. Children's dietary requirements are recognised and met within a carefully planned menu for meals and snacks. A good procedure is in place for informing parents regarding their child's mealtimes.

There are a wide range of activities available to the children. Children have access to a good range of toy's and equipment that positively reflect diversity and meet their individual needs. Children are interested in their play supported by adults who are

intuitive of their individual needs and provide them with praise and encouragement. There is a sensitive and consistent approach to managing unacceptable behaviour.

Good relationships are established with the parents. Parents have full access to information about the setting and are kept informed about their individual children through daily contact with staff and access to their records. A complaints policy is available to the parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

NA

What is being done well?

- Organisation of the nursery is good. Children experience a good range of activities and learning opportunities within a well resourced, welcoming environment.
- Provision for the babies and children under two is good. The babies individual sleeping and eating patterns are met.
- Staff have a sensitive, appropriate and consistent management of behaviour. They are good role models for the children.
- Partnership with parents is clearly valued. There are regular opportunities for parents to discuss their children's progress. Staff are committed in providing opportunities for communication.

What needs to be improved?

- arrangements to ensure the manager is supernumerary.

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.

As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations

by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
1	Develop and implement an action plan detailing how staff will be deployed when numbers increase, to ensure the manager is supernumerary.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL STANDARDS

STANDARD 1 - SUITABLE PERSON

Adults providing day care, looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so.

STANDARD 2 - ORGANISATION

The registered person meets required adult: child ratios, ensures that training and qualifications requirements are met and organises space and resources to meet the children's needs effectively.

STANDARD 3 - CARE, LEARNING AND PLAY

The registered person meets children's individual needs and promotes their welfare. They plan and provide activities and play opportunities to develop children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual capabilities.

STANDARD 4 - PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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

STANDARD 5 - EQUIPMENT

Furniture, equipment and toys are provided which are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment. They are of suitable design and condition, well maintained and conform to safety standards.

STANDARD 6 - SAFETY

The registered person takes positive steps to promote safety within the setting and on outings and ensures proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents.

STANDARD 7 - HEALTH

The registered person promotes the good health of children and takes positive steps to prevent the spread of infection and appropriate measures when they are ill.

STANDARD 8 - FOOD AND DRINK

Children are provided with regular drinks and food in adequate quantities for their needs. Food and drink is properly prepared, nutritious and complies with dietary and religious requirements.

STANDARD 9 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The registered person and staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.

STANDARD 10 - SPECIAL NEEDS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

The registered person is aware that some children may have special needs and is

proactive in ensuring that appropriate action can be taken when such a child is identified or admitted to the provision. Steps are taken to promote the welfare and development of the child within the setting in partnership with the parents and other relevant parties.

STANDARD 11 - BEHAVIOUR

Adults caring for children in the provision are able to manage a wide range of children's behaviour in a way which promotes their welfare and development.

STANDARD 12 - WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

The registered person and staff work in partnership with parents and to meet the needs of the children, both individually and as a group. Information is shared.

STANDARD 13 - CHILD PROTECTION

The registered person complies with local child protection procedures approved by the Area Child Protection Committee and ensures that all adults working and looking after children in the provision are able to put the procedures into practice.

STANDARD 14 - DOCUMENTATION

Records, policies and procedures which are required for the efficient and safe management of the provision, or to promote the welfare, care and learning of children are maintained. Records about individual children are shared with the child's parent.