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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 22/06/2004  
Inspector Name Donna Suzanne Lancaster

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care  
Setting Name Levendale Under Fives Group  
Setting Address Mount Leven Road  
Yarm  
Cleveland  
TS15 9RJ

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Levendale Under Fives Group 506722

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Levendale Under Fives Group has been registered for 28 years. The facility offers sessional day care and is registered to care for 26 children aged two to five years. It operates from a single storey building and has 1 large play room, a reception area, kitchen and toilet area. It is situated in the premises of Levendale Primary School in Yarm. There is access to a safe and enclosed outdoor play area. It serves children from the local and surrounding areas. The facility provides lunch time cover. Children bring packed lunches from home.

There are currently 45 children aged from two to school age on roll. The group do not offer places for funded children. There are no children attending who have special needs and there are no children attending with English as an additional language.

Children can attend for a variety of sessions. The group is open Monday - Friday, from 08:40 to 12:40 school term time only. There are seven staff members of which five have relevant qualifications.

### How good is the Day Care?

Levendale Under Fives Group provides good quality care for children aged two to five years. Staff have appropriate qualifications and have a consistent approach to their work through working as part of a team, and accessing training as offered. The environment is warm and welcoming, where children can feel safe and secure.

There is a good range of appropriate play materials, which are easily accessible to the children. Toys and equipment available to children are stimulating, challenging and promote all areas of learning. Good resources are available to promote equal opportunities within the group. Staff have good relationships with the children, they talk to them, help them and encourage them with their play and activities. Children respond well to boundaries set for their behaviour and are happy and settled in the group. The children are well behaved.

Staff have a good awareness of safety issues and complete a daily risk assessment of the premises. Staff promote good hygiene practices by encouraging children to wash hands. Appropriate measures are taken if a child becomes ill. Snacks and drinks are provided at mid-morning, however fresh drinking water is not available to children at all times. There is good communication with parents about individual

dietary needs. Child protection procedures are available. Complaints procedures are in place and include the relevant contact details.

Parents are welcomed in to the group and staff are aware of establishing positive relationships with them to ensure they provide good quality care for children. There is a parental involvement policy in place and there are many opportunities for parents to be informed of general information from the group. A set of policies and procedures are available. All documentation is in place, however parents do not always sign accident records. Documentation and records are well organised and maintained in a confidential manner.

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

At last inspection the manager agreed to ensure that all CRB disclosure forms were completed and that written permission was in place to seek emergency medical treatment/advice. All staff have now completed CRB disclosure forms. A written consent form for seeking emergency medical treatment/advice is now included on all children's individual files.

#### **What is being done well?**

- Staff have taken positive steps to promote good hygiene practices.
- Documentation, is kept in a well organised and confidential manner and parents receive good written information relating to the group.
- A good range of toys, equipment and play materials which are appropriate to the ages and stages of children development. Effective storage allows easy accessibility and promotes children's independence and free choice.
- Positive relationships have been developed with parents and information is shared on a daily basis.
- Staff interact well with children in a way that make children relaxed, happy and confident in their care.
- Children behave well .Staff have adopted a consistent and positive approach which promotes children's welfare and development.
- The environment is warm and welcoming. Space is used effectively and organised to encourage children's development.

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- documentation, to ensure accident book is signed by parents
- food and drink, to ensure children have access to fresh drinking water at all times.

**Outcome of the inspection**

Good

**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
7	Ensure accident book is signed by parents.
8	Ensure children have access to fresh drinking water at all times.

## **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.*