

Office for Standards in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	11/12/2003
Inspector Name	Frank William Kelly

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Netherton Park Community Centre
Setting Address	Chester Avenue Netherton Liverpool Merseyside L30 3SQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

Fun 4 Kidz 4201603 1091549

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name

Fun 4 Kidz

Address The L30 Centre Stoneyfields,Netherton Liverpool Merseyside L30 0QS

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

Fun 4 Kidz Out of School Club is run at Netherton Community Centre since 2001.

It is based within a converted self contained school building and operates from the main hall, two interconnecting classrooms, single gender toilets, and a kitchen. The community centre is situated in the grounds of Netherton Park Primary School, and is within walking distance of local bus routes, shops, and schools.

There are currently 52 children aged from 4 to 11 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There are 3 children with special needs, and none whom speak English as an additional language.

The club is open 5 days a week during term time with sessions from 15:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday.

There are 5 staff who work on a full and a part time basis with the children. 4 have early years qualifications and 2 who are currently on training programmes. The setting is a member of the Kids Club Network and is currently completing the "Aiming High" quality assurance scheme. The setting also receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Fun 4 Kidz Out of School Club at Netherton Park Community Centre provides satisfactory care for the children.

The organisation has very good policies and procedures, which are used to support the safe care for the children. The staff are deployed well and children grouped appropriately and have good adult attention, which helps them to feel secure. However staff induction and information systems must be revised to ensure that staff fully understand the registration requirements, that children under four are not cared for. The club has a very good range of equipment and resources. These are well maintained and stored so that the children can self select and make independent choices.

Health and safety policies are generally implemented well, with staff supervising the children at all times and providing the children with clear boundaries that they understand and respond to. Risk assessments and daily check lists need to be reviewed so that actions are taken to reduce any identified risks to the children such

as light fittings or access via a fire exit. Staff support good hygiene practices by encouraging the children to attend to their own personal hygiene but need to ensure that resources such as soap are always available throughout the play sessions.

The staff have very good relationships with the children who are relaxed and confident with their carers. They enjoy a range of activities and experiences during each session. These provide fun, stimulating learning opportunities and enhance their understanding of the diversity of the world we live in. Staff encourage the children's behaviour well. The children are involved with the development of acceptable club rules and are aware of the need to share and be considerate to each other.

There are detailed formal and informal systems in place for the sharing of information between staff and parents. These support good partnership and appropriate care for the individual child.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the organisation agreed to develop additional documentation.

Since then the organisation has revised the documentation and procedures to support the care of the children by including copies of staff qualifications within individual staff details, maintaining a record of visitors who are present on a daily basis, and obtaining parental consents for the seeking of emergency medical treatment. A system for retaining fire officer and maintenance records has been established with all records held at the organisations central office.

What is being done well?

- The organisation's commitment to on going staff development and training which enhances the care of the children.
- The children are provided with a variety of play and learning experiences that enable the children to develop through their independent play.
- The children enjoy contributing to the warm welcoming environment through the positive display of their art work.
- The toys and equipment present positive images of a cross section of today's society, which enhances the children's understanding of their wider world.
- Information about the setting is good. It encourages parental partnership and sharing of information, which provides good care for the individual child.

What needs to be improved?

- the staff's understanding of regulatory requirements
- the implementation of daily risk assessments and health policies.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown		
Std	Action	Date
	Ensure that children under 4 years are not cared for unaccompanied.	11/12/2003

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection		
Std	Recommendation	
2	Revise induction procedures.	
6	Conduct a risk assessment on the premises identifying actions to be taken to minimize identified risks.	
7	Revise daily premises checks to ensure that children are provided with resources to support their personal hygiene.	

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.