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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

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Inspector Name Jill Dawn Butler

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care
Setting Name Wanstead Park Playgroup
Setting Address Park Road
London
E12 5HQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Wanstead Park Playgroup 1030273

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

Wanstead Park Playgroup first opened in 1978. It operates in St. Gabriel's Church Hall, which is located in a residential area in Aldersbrook, Wanstead. It is run by a management committee of parents. The manager and staff between them speak a range of languages in addition to English, including Gujarati, Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi. Playgroup activities take place in one large hall, and there are adjacent toilets, a kitchen and an entrance lobby. An outdoors area is available.

There are currently nine children on roll, aged from two to under five years. This includes three funded three year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There is one child attending with special educational needs, and no children who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens five days a week during school term times. Sessions are from 9.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

There are five staff working with the children, the manager plus two other full-time staff, and two part-time staff who work different sessions between them. The manager and over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 and 3.

The setting receives support from a mentor for the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership. It is a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

How good is the Day Care?

Wanstead Park Playgroup provides good care for children. There is commitment to reviewing the quality of the provision, and on going development. Manager and staff qualifications are above minimum requirements. The staff work well together as a team, providing consistency and continuity of care. Staff:child ratio levels are high, enabling staff to give close attention to meeting individual children's needs and assisting them in engaging in purposeful activity. There is a comprehensive set of written policies and procedures in place, to which staff and parents have easy access. All the activities take place in one large hall, which is divided into areas of learning.

Most health and safety practices are satisfactory. Staff are effectively deployed and vigilant in promoting children's safety. Staff have limited experience and knowledge of child protection procedures.

Curriculum planning is effective in promoting children's development, and takes place within the framework of the foundation stage. There is a good range of appropriate play and learning resources and activities available to promote all areas of learning. Provision includes role play areas, small world, book corner, writing and maths resources, creative activities. Cars, bicycles and a climbing frame are present throughout the sessions to promote children's physical development. Equality of opportunity and anti discriminatory practice is promoted. Staff speak a range of community languages, which aids communication with children and their carers. There are positive relationships with children in evidence, with staff consistently praising and encouraging children, and effectively meeting their individual needs.

Satisfactory relationships with parents are maintained. Parents are encouraged to participate in the provision by being on the committee. There are regular newsletters produced and a range of family events take place through the year.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, the playgroup agreed to take action on a range of health and safety matters. These have been attended to in relation to fire safety, security and planning for emergencies. The playgroup agreed to comply with a range of record keeping requirements, which are now in place, including an operational plan and a complaints procedure.

What is being done well?

- Policies and procedures are monitored, reviewed and developed, to continually improve the service provided, in order to effectively meet the needs of children and their carers.
- High adult to child ratios are in place. Staff are able to give individual attention to children, helping them to engage in purposeful activity.
- Written policies, procedures and records are well presented, and made available for staff and parents to gain access to.
- Curriculum planning takes place within the framework of the foundation stage. Children's development is observed and recorded in an effective manner to promote all areas of learning.
- Equality of opportunity and anti discriminatory practice is promoted by the employment of staff who speak a range of languages. This enhances opportunities for effective communication with children and carers using the playgroup.
- Positive relationships with children are fostered, with staff consistently praising and encouraging children. Staff have good knowledge of children's individual needs and backgrounds.

What needs to be improved?

- the provision for nappy changing
- the provision of fire safety equipment
- the procedures for conducting health and safety risk assessments
- the knowledge and understanding to put child protection procedures into practice.

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
4	Ensure nappy changing facilities meet environmental health standards.
6	Produce risk assessment schedule on the premises identifying action(s) to be taken on regular basis to minimize identified risks and review as necessary.
6	Ensure fire fighting equipment suitably located.
13	Develop knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and procedures.

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.