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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	29/11/2004
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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	The Orchard Day Nursery
Setting Address	193 Wilmslow Road Handforth Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 3JX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

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

Orchard Day Nursery was opened in 1998 and is made up of two buildings set in shared grounds on the outskirts of Handforth. A maximum of 52 children may attend at anyone time. The nursery is open each week day from 07:30 to 18:00 for 52 weeks of the year closing for bank holidays. Orchard 1 cares for children aged from birth to approximately two and a half years. Orchard 2, known as the 'Treehouse', cares for pre-school children, from two and a half years to school age. All children have use of both a hard surface and grassed areas for outdoor play.

There are currently 71 children aged from birth to under five years on roll. Of these 20 children receive funding for nursery education.

There are a total of 18 members of staff employed. Ten working directly with the children, eight of whom hold appropriate early years qualifications. A further two are currently undertaking training. The nursery have been awarded "Investors In People".

The nursery use the High Scope method of teaching.

How good is the Day Care?

The Orchard Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children. The environment is warm and welcoming and play space is organised well. There are regular routines to help children feel safe and secure. Staffing levels are good with staff deployed well. However a key worker system is needed for children under two years. Toys and equipment are varied to meet children's individual needs. Most records and documents are in order, although the system to record attendance needs to be reviewed. More detail is also needed in the procedure to follow in the event of a child not being collected. The child protection statements needs further amendments in order to meet the revised criteria.

All reasonable steps are taken to ensure the setting is safe for children. Good cleaning practices are implemented as part of the daily routines. The current arrangements in place for children's toileting need changing to improve privacy. Staff have a satisfactory understanding of child protection procedures. They have a positive approach to caring for children with special needs and some experience in this area. A variety of homemade meals and snacks are offered to children. There is a record made of food intakes for babies to share with parents, however this needs

to include all drinks given.

Staff plan and deliver a broad range of activities for children to progress in all areas. Children confidently made choices about their play and learning. They are confident speakers in a group. Staff are warm and caring, they are patient, they respect children and treat them with equal concern. Children behave well, they cooperate, share and take turns.

Relationships with parents are open and friendly. It is recommended however that all relevant policies and procedures are shared with parents as children start at the nursery.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection there were several actions agreed by the provider. The child protection statement was to include procedures to be followed in the event of allegations made against staff. A procedure has been written and will need to be included in the amended child protection statement and shared with parents. This will ensure staff and parents are clear as to the steps to be taken to protect children. The behaviour management policy makes reference to bullying and the designated person has been identified. These changes will enable parents and staff to be clear as to the methods used so promoting children's welfare. The toilets now have partitions between each toilet to give some privacy for children. There is also a curtain which needs to be used more effectively to improve children's privacy. This is carried forward as a recommendation at this inspection.

What is being done well?

- Staff are warm and caring, they spend time with the children to help them learn. There are good opportunities to develop language skills and imagination. Children are confident and sociable. They readily take part, stand up to share their experiences, sing songs and tell stories.
- Individual needs of children are met well, particularly in the baby room. Strong emphasis is placed upon children having familiar comforters from home. For example parents are encouraged to bring blankets, dummies or toys to help children feel secure.
- Those staff working directly with the children are supported well to provide for the health and dietary needs of children. There are a total of five cleaning and catering staff who directly contribute to a clean and safe environment for children.
- The lay out of the nursery enables mobile children to freely move around their designated rooms. There are clear areas for rest and relaxation and quiet or active play. Children can easily access toys and equipment and make choices about their play and learning. This is particularly evident in the pre school rooms.

What needs to be improved?

- the arrangements for a key worker system, toileting for children and the recording of attendance and intakes for babies,
- the arrangements to share policies and procedures with parents,
- the uncollected child procedure and child protection statement.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

There are no complaints to report.

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
2	Review your current arrangements for recording children's attendance and ensure a key worker system is in place for children under two
4	Review the current arrangements for toileting children in order to improve their privacy
8	Ensure a more detailed record of food intakes for babies is made, to be shared with parents
12	Ensure all relevant policies and procedures are made available to parents as children start nursery
14	Ensure your procedure to follow in the event of a child not being collected has all the necessary detail and amend your child protection statement in line with the revised criteria

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.