



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	10/11/2004
Inspector Name	Sarah Measures

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Building Blocks Christian Day Nursery
Setting Address	15-17 Belvoir Drive Barton Seagrave Kettering Northamptonshire NN15 6QZ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Christian Day Nurseries Ltd 4295525
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Christian Day Nurseries Ltd
Address	The Manse Meeting Lane, Burton Latimer Kettering Northamptonshire NN15 5LS

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

Building Blocks Christian Day Nursery opened in the current premises in 2003. It is situated in a small row of shops within Barton Seagrave, on the outskirts of the town of Kettering in Northamptonshire. A maximum of 40 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 08:00 to 18:00 all year round, except for bank holidays. Out of school care is also provided. Children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 50 children aged from 1 year to 4 years on roll and of these, 13 children receive funding for nursery education. Children come from the local community and towns and villages nearby. The nursery currently supports children with special educational needs, and also supports children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery employs 11 staff with 5 of the staff, including the manager, holding an appropriate early years qualification. There are 3 staff currently working towards a relevant qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Building Blocks Christian Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children. The premises are warm and welcoming. They include an open plan kitchen area that children cannot access, but can approach to talk to the cook and observe food being prepared. Staff have a range of qualifications and experience between them and work well as a team. Children are grouped appropriately, with the exception of those that are under two years who do not have a separate base room. There is a very good variety of toys and resources within the nursery that are stimulating and provide challenge, however these are not used to their full potential to provide children with choice and variety during free play opportunities. The nursery has in place systems for keeping records to ensure the safe and efficient running of the provision.

The nursery has generally made good provision for safety and staff are deployed to ensure children are supervised in all areas. However, the heater in the sleeping area is not secure and, although a listening device is used, sleeping children are not checked regularly. Staff are active in promoting good health and hygiene to prevent the spread of infection and the sick child policy is well implemented. A healthy and balanced menu is planned and the cook has a good awareness of children's dietary

needs. Not all staff are aware of the local child protection procedures.

Staff plan a variety of activities for the children that promote all development areas, although adult directed activities are too long and do not sustain children's interest or take into account individual needs. Staff praise children, clear boundaries are in place and children are generally well behaved.

Staff are friendly and approachable and develop good relationships with parents, who clearly value the care that is offered.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The nursery is run as a family business, supported by a staff team that work together well creating a warm atmosphere within the nursery.
- The premises are warm and welcoming with colourful displays and have been well adapted to meet children's needs.
- Staff working with children under two years have a caring manner and have a range of qualifications and experience between them.

What needs to be improved?

- the grouping of children under two years to ensure they have a separate base room
- the planning of activities to meet children's needs and provide children with sufficient opportunity to explore and learn through free play opportunities
- the safety of sleeping children
- staff's knowledge of child protection issues.

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.)

Since April 2004 there has been one complaint regarding National Standard 6 Safety relating to the outside play area. The provider's responses were considered by a senior childcare inspector and it was concluded that there was no evidence to suggest a breach of the Standard.

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	Ensure that children aged under two years have a separate base area.
3	Make sure that group activities are appropriately planned to meet children's needs and ensure that there is opportunity for children to explore and investigate by choosing for themselves from a range of different activities.
6	Ensure the heater in the sleeping area is made safe and ensure sleeping children are checked frequently.
13	Develop staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.

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.