



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	12/01/2005
Inspector Name	Catherine Greene

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Creche Day Care
Setting Name	Kidsville-Islington
Setting Address	333 Goswell Road London EC1V 7DG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Virgin Active Limited 3448441
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Virgin Active Limited
Address	Active House 21 North 4th Street Milton Keynes MK9 1HL

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

Kidsville crèche is a purpose built crèche within Virgin active Health club in Islington. The crèche will serve children whose parents/carers are members of the club. Parents/carers pre-book children's sessions at the crèche. The crèche is open Monday to Friday sessions are minimum of one hour and a maximum of 2 hours.

There are presently 6 members of crèche staff who are child care trained or who are working towards a childcare qualification at level 2 or 3.

The crèche is organised to meet the needs of children from 0-5, this includes an area for babies, a soft play area and an area for older children. There is no outdoor play area.

How good is the Day Care?

Kidsville creche provides good care for children.

The manager is qualified and has a range of experience in different childcare provision. Staff have suitable qualifications and experience. They work well within the space and with the resources they have. Some play materials such as toys and books that promote positive images, are limited.

A range of activities are provided in the group room which include soft play and a baby gym. Children's exploration is supported in a fun play environment, however the constant use of television poses a distraction to children's purposeful play.

Flexible short term planning of activities that are spontaneous and child led mean that individual children's needs are met. As numbers in the creche are low staff ratios are high with children benefitting from one to one care at times.

Parents are warmly welcomed into the creche and provided with comprehensive written information about the service. Written information includes policies and procedures for the smooth running of the creche. Staff attend training and knowledge of child protection issues are satisfactory.

The creche is within a safe and secure building with an entry system that is monitored by staff. The main building is a busy health and fitness club, parents are members of the club and are on site at all times. The creche group room is self contained, off the main hallway with facilities of bathroom and a small kitchen.

What has improved since the last inspection?

There were no actions made at the last inspection.

What is being done well?

- Settling in procedure has ensured that children's emotional welfare is a priority. Staff can contact parents, who are on site, to come to the creche to comfort their child if they become overly distressed
- Staff ratios are high so that children often benefit from a 1:1 ratio. This also means that staff get to know children well and their individual needs are met.
- Staff are very safety conscious they know the clubs safety procedure very well and carry out regular risk assessments.

What needs to be improved?

- develop staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues
- consider monitoring the use of TV as a background feature

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
13	Develop staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.
9	Ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice.
3	Monitor the use of television to enable children to focus on a range of purposeful activities.

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.