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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 08/03/2005
Inspector Name Rowena Ann Bentley

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Asquith Nursery Twickenham (St Mary's)
Setting Address 63 Arragon Road
Twickenham
Middlesex
TW1 3NG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Asquith Court Nurseries Limited 3077271

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Asquith Court Nurseries Limited
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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

The nursery is one of a number of nurseries run by Asquith Court Nurseries Limited. It opened in September 2004. The nursery operates from one room in a purpose built premises and the out of school club operates from a classroom on the same site. They are situated in St Mary's School in the centre of Twickenham. A maximum of 26 children may attend the nursery and 24 children the out of school club at any one time.

The nursery is open each weekday from 08:00 to 18:00 for 51 weeks of the year and the out of school club operates from 08:00 - 09:00 and 15:00 - 18:00 term time only. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 68 children from three to under eight years on roll. Children come from the local area. The nursery supports children with special needs, and also children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery and out of school club employ eight staff. Four of the staff, including the manger hold appropriate early years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Asquith Nursery Twickenham (St Mary's) provides satisfactory care for children.

The nursery is well organised and good use is made of the space to meet the needs of the children. Staff work together to make sure children are closely supervised at all times. Children are grouped appropriately in the nursery and the out of school club. Effective registration procedures are in place and all records are easily accessible and stored confidentially.

The premises are clean and well maintained. There are comprehensive health and safety procedures to ensure children are safe in the nursery and when on outings. Staff are responsible for carrying out risk assessments and records are kept. Accident recording includes assessment of risk in the area of the accident. Procedures are in place to make sure all staff are aware of the child protection policy but this is not made accessible to parents. The nursery and out of school club provide healthy snacks and afternoon tea however the lunch menu does not reflect Asquith Court Policy on healthy eating.

There is a wide range of good quality equipment and play materials. Activities are

planned in advance and offer variety to cover all areas of learning. Staff work closely with the children, listen to their ideas and give them choices about what they do.

The staff team are developing systems to improve communication with parents and make sure they are informed about their child's day and developmental progress. Children are generally well behaved although staff in the nursery do not consistently follow the behaviour management policy. Children attending the out of school club are given the opportunity to devise their own club rules which include acceptable codes of behaviour.

What has improved since the last inspection?

N/A

What is being done well?

- The physical environment and space are well organised to meet the needs of the children. Play materials are divided into the areas of learning. Children can reach equipment easily and are encouraged to make choices about what they do.
- Children have the opportunity to experience a variety of well planned activities which promote learning in all areas. Staff work alongside the children spend time listening to them and encouraging them to explore their own ideas.
- Staff follow the comprehensive health and safety procedures to make sure children are safe in the building and when on outings. The accident reporting procedure includes risk assessment of area where accident occurred.

What needs to be improved?

- the provision of a healthy and nutritious lunchtime menu
- the implementation of the behaviour management policy to ensure it is fully understood by all staff and consistently applied
- the arrangements for ensuring that parents have access to the child protection procedure

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 Ofsted has received two complaints relating to National Standard 1 Suitable Person and National Standard 13 Child Protection. The first complaint related to allegations about a member of staff and these were made to an external body. The allegations related to their previous employment and were of an incident that was alleged to have occurred 2 years previously. The second complaint related

to the alleged conduct of a member of staff witnessed by a parent.

The external body carried out an investigation and no evidence was found that the National Standards had been breached. The provider was asked to investigate and report their findings back to Ofsted. This report was received and no evidence was found that the National Standards had been breached.

The registered person remains qualified to provide day care.

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
8	Improve the quality of food served at lunchtime to ensure children have a healthy and nutritious diet
11	Ensure the behaviour management policy is fully understood by all staff and consistently applied
13	Ensure there is a system in place for sharing child protection information with parents

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.