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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 11/08/2004
Inspector Name Angela Cuffe

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Moss Side Adventure Playground
Setting Address Whitnall Close
Moss Side,
Manchester

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name . Manchester Young Lives

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

Moss Side Adventure playground Out of School facility opened in 1996. It is part of the organisation Manchester Young Lives and operates from an indoor playroom and a large adventure playground in the Moss Side area of Manchester. The Adventure playground is open to children within the local area, and provides day trips for other playschemes.

The club is open access but operates a registration system. Children attend for a variety of sessions, and is open to children with special needs, there are two qualified staff who can offer one to one care if necessary.

The group opens all year round. Sessions are from 15:30 until 18:00 after school and 08:00 until 18:00 in the holidays.

There are four part time and two full time staff working with the children. Fifty percent have early years qualifications and all staff are on a regular training programme to keep them well informed of current legislation. The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Moss Side Adventure Playground provides good quality care for children. Staff develop warm relationships with children who are happy and confident in their care. Good use is made of the available space both indoors and outdoors. Outside there is an adventure play area with a designated area for under fives attending with their parents. There is a good range of art/craft, play and sports equipment available for the children to choose from, with planned excursions most days. Children choose their equipment confidently and are familiar with the storage arrangements. All records and documentation are in place and well organised.

The premises are appropriately maintained and safe, with one minor omission. Staff are vigilant in the supervision of the children to ensure their safety. Hygiene practices are encouraged by the staff, who generally provide good role models for the children. Children's dietary needs are recorded and shared with all staff. Staff have an understanding of the child protection procedures and policies are in place to ensure they are followed appropriately. Staff ensure that all children are included. A special needs policy is in place and staff are aware of the code of practice 2002.

Staff have a good understanding of the children's individual needs and meet these well, they spend time talking to the children and finding out their likes and dislikes. Children play independently and co-operatively, most of the activities are set out in advance, affording children the choice to take part or not. Staff supervise well and provide support to the children's play if necessary. Children are aware of the club rules, as they are involved in creating the groundrules to ensure enjoyment for all attending the club.

Staff build good working relationships with the parents. Effective systems are in place to keep parents well informed of the provision through policies and procedures.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the staff at the club agreed to devise all relevant policies and procedures and share them with staff and parents, ensure all staff are police checked and trained appropriately. Ensure premises are clean and well maintained, carry out regular fire drills, ensure drinking water is available at all times.

All policies and procedures are now in place and shared with staff, and parents. All permanent staff are trained including appropriate first aid, and police checks are carried out on all staff. Premises are clean and well maintained. Fire drills are carried out regularly, and drinks are provided as and when necessary. This ensures that staff and parents are well informed and that children remain safe in the setting.

What is being done well?

- The staff provide a range of art/craft and relaxing activities indoors. Outdoors there is an excellent adventure playground with various commando swings and slides. The outside area is grassed and suitable for most sporting activities. During the inspection most of the children are involved in play activities outdoors on the adventure play equipment, they play very well together, taking turns and the older children help the younger ones by passing them the rope swings. There is opportunities for indoor activities, such as watching videos, pool or take part in the planned art and craft activities. The club also plan excursions most days. The staff interact well with the children and are involved in casual conversations, they are interested in what the children say and do and support them in their play.
- The children are familiar with the available equipment, and the storage arrangements, the staff interact well with the children, with lots of informative conversations taking place with staff and children. Staff respect childrens wishes and they are free to choose from the wide range of activities available, both indoors and outdoors.
- The staff have a positive and consistent approach to managing behaviour, which is shared with parents. The children have made their own ground-rules to eliminate unwanted behaviour within the club. Good behaviour is valued and encouraged, children's efforts and achievements are recognised and praised appropriately. Children behave well, are happy, relaxed and respond

to staff positively. A meeting is held each day and the children are given the opportunity to express their views and feelings. Records and documentation are in order and well organised including all relevant written policies and procedures; staff are trained regularly to keep them well informed of any current legislation, and all permanent staff are trained in first aid.

What needs to be improved?

- the fire drills
- food hygiene

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
6	Ensure appropriate fire drill procedures are in place.
8	Ensure good food hygiene practices are in place.

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.