



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	08/02/2005
Inspector Name	Elizabeth Miles Wallis

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Ramsden Robins
Setting Address	Thwaite Street Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria LA14 1AN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Committee of Ramsden Pre Nursery Group
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Ramsden Pre Nursery Group
Address	Thwaite Street Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria LA14 1AN

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

Ramsden Robins has been registered since 2004 and provides Full Day Care for up to 16 children aged from 3 to 5 years. There are currently a total of 37 children on the register who attend a variety of sessions per week. Of these, 11 children are in receipt of funded nursery education, none have special educational needs and one child speaks English as a second language. Care is provided in a former classroom within Ramsden Infants School. The room has its own separate entrance, outdoor play area and toilet facilities.

Each day is organised into three sessions and children may attend any combination of sessions required. The morning session runs from 08:55 until 11:30, the lunchtime session runs from 11:30 to 12:30 and the afternoon session runs from 12:30 until 15:00. The Day Care is open during term time only. Arrangements are in place for children who also attend the adjoining Ramsden Infants School nursery class to be escorted directly to and from their class.

The Day Care is administered by a Management Committee who employ 2 suitably qualified Supervisors and additional relief staff to work with the children.

Ramsden Robins' staff receive support from Ramsden Infant's School Head Teacher who is represented on the Committee.

How good is the Day Care?

Ramsden Robins provides good care for children. It is managed by an elected committee who employ qualified and experienced Supervisors to work with the children. All aspects of the provision are well organised. A cooperative relationship is maintained with the teaching staff of Ramsden Infants School which has a positive impact upon the children. The premises are well laid out and welcoming. A wide variety of stimulating play equipment is available ensuring maximum play opportunities. Thorough policies and procedures are in place and most documentation is well maintained although some parental consents relating to emergency medical attention and accident book entries have not been obtained.

Staff are proactive in ensuring that a safe and secure environment is maintained. Effective safety procedures are in place. Children are taught about good hygiene and nutrition. Nutritious snacks are provided during the morning and afternoon and the choice of a cooked meal is available at lunch time supplied by Cumbria Catering

Services. All children are treated with equal concern and their individual needs are well met. Staff act as good role models and children's behaviour is well managed. Staff are vigilant regarding the welfare of vulnerable children.

A varied range of well planned and enjoyable activities is provided which promotes all aspects of the children's learning and development. The activities are accessible and children have a good level of choice. Good use is made of outdoor play opportunities. Stimulating activities are provided that help children to learn about and respect different cultures.

Parents are made welcome and are represented on the Management Committee. A good level of information is given to parents about the service provided and staff make themselves available to parents to discuss any concerns.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The provision is well organised. The comprehensive policies and procedures cover all aspects of the service and are clear and accessible. A close working relationship is maintained with Ramsden Infants School ensuring a sense of continuity and security for children who move between day care and school during the course of the day. Staff receive good support and training opportunities from the school.
- The premises are well maintained and colourfully decorated with welcoming wall displays. Children's work is well displayed. The outdoor play area is well resourced and accessible.
- The range and quality of activities is good. The activities are well planned. During each session children can choose to participate in a variety of activities including creative activities linked to themes. Staff interact well with the children encouraging verbal communication and self confidence.
- All aspects of the children's behaviour is well managed. Staff act as good role models to the children. They encourage positive behaviour such as good manners, taking turns and cooperating with each other by example and praise. A calm, well ordered atmosphere prevails in which children are able to express themselves and thrive.
- Stimulating activities are provided that help children learn about and respect other cultures. There is a good level of play resources that promote equal opportunities issues and help children to respect and value individual and cultural differences.

What needs to be improved?

- The documentation to include consent forms signed by parents for

emergency medical attention and parental signatures acknowledging all entries in the accident book.

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

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
7	Ensure that parent signatures are obtained giving permission for medical attention in an emergency and acknowledging all entries in the accident book.

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.