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in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 15/04/2003
Inspector Name Rachael Williams

SETTING DETAILS

Setting Name Yew Tree Nursery
Setting Address Yew Tree Farm
Axbridge
Somerset
BS26 2SA

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Wendy Griffin

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

Yew Tree Nursery is an 84 place all day care facility, situated in a small village, near Axbridge. The nursery has several parts to it in different buildings, there is a baby room, 2 large play rooms for older children, dining hall, office, staff room and 2 outside play areas. The nursery is open 7am - 7pm all year round, providing a breakfast club, day care, after school club and a holiday club. The nursery is registered to care for children aged 3 months - 8 years old. The baby unit is registered for 12 babies, the toddler unit for 24 children and the kindergarten unit for 48. The holiday club is registered for 24 children. The Nursery has funded three and four year olds. The Nursery employs 23 staff. The supervisors are suitably qualified with NNEB and NVQ level 3 training.

How good is the Day Care?

The quality of care for children is satisfactory. Staff in the Nursery are suitably qualified and receive on- going training. The children are grouped effectively in three areas - the baby unit, toddlers and Kindergarten. The holiday club is run from the dining room. Good use is made of the staff and ratios are maintained so that they have direct contact with the children. Toilet facilities are adequate in most areas except for the dining room where the holiday club is based. Each unit has a wide range of suitable, age related resources to cater for the needs of the children. Observations and evaluations by the children are made and progression is recorded to support future planning. The staff actively include all children and will adjust activities, providing appropriate resources, according to needs. All children are valued and included. Staff have consistent approaches to managing behaviour. Safety procedures are maintained in the Nursery setting and during outings. Fire procedures are effective and logs are kept of fire drills. Staff are consistent in promoting good health and hygiene. Records show medication is administered appropriately but verbal consent is given to administer medication if a child is taken ill while at the Nursery. Children's dietary requirements are recorded in duplicate so that the children are receiving the correct food. Most units provide water regularly except for the Kindergarten. Informal discussions are encouraged as well as the formal parent's evenings twice a year to share information about children's progression. OFSTED is not named and the name and address is omitted from the Complaints Procedure.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Public Liability insurance has been renewed and is displayed in the office.

What is being done well?

Ratios are maintained and children have direct contact and support from staff. Children are grouped according to their age and have adequately trained staff working directly with them. (standard 2) Effective strategies are used in the Holiday Club to include the children, and child orientated evaluation sheets support future planning. (standard 3) Meals supplied by the chef are nutritious and children's special dietary needs have been met. (standard 8) Staff awareness of children's specific and individual needs are met and all children are included. (standard 9) Information to parents is on - going through informal discussions and parent evenings.(standard 12)

What needs to be improved?

- additional toilet facilities need to be arranged for the Holiday Club Standard 4) - procedures for ensuring medication is given with written consent (Standard 7) - provision of water in each unit (Standard 8) - procedures for ensuring parents have details of whom to contact if they have a complaint (Standard 14)

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
4	make adequate provision of toilets for children in holiday club.	01/08/2003

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
7	obtain written permission to administer all medications.
8	provide water in the Kindergarten unit.
12	make available to parents a written statement that provides details of the procedure to be followed if they have a complaint

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.