



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 30/10/2003
Inspector Name Ann Long

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Grasshoppers (An Integral Prt Of Springboard Proj)
Setting Address 52 Hurst Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 2EP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ms M/do not send paperwork here s Gilbert

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

Registered Charity Number 1014270

Grasshoppers is an integral part of the Springboard Project which is a charitable company. It is located in Springboard House which has a community based leisure centre providing integrated play and relaxation facilities for children and young people with special needs or disabilities.

Grasshoppers operates from rooms within Springboard House and the Youth Centre in Horsham. Both of the premises have outside play facilities. It is registered to provide out- of -school care for 60 children from the age of five years to under eight years, although the maximum number of children attending Springboard House is restricted to 26. It operates during all school holidays between 10:00 and 15:30 and on Saturday mornings between 10:00 and 13:00. Children are accepted into the scheme from a wide catchment area.

There are 14 members of staff. Three of these are qualified, three are working towards a level three qualification and one a level two qualification. All the staff have certificates in first aid and have attended child protection training.

How good is the Day Care?

Grasshoppers provides good quality care for children. Space is used effectively to provide children with appropriate areas in which to enjoy a variety of activities. This is a welcoming facility where the children are closely supervised. There is a good range of toys and equipment for both indoor and outdoor play. Documentation and procedures to support the organisation of the day care are available.

Safety measures are in place and the staff have good awareness of potential hazards within the settings or when taking children out. There are suitable procedures to promote the health and well being of children, with good hygiene practices maintained. Children are encouraged to have regular drinks and are served lunches which are provided by parents. Packed lunches are stored appropriately. Staff and volunteers ensure that they meet the needs of individual children and are aware of child protection procedures.

Planned activities and outings are enjoyed by the children. Careful consideration is given to make sure that all children are able to participate. Children are happy and

settled. Sensitive and effective methods of behaviour management ensure that children behave well and feel valued.

Staff build good relationships with parents. Information about the children is shared on a daily basis, verbally and in writing. All documentation required to support day care is stored securely but is easily accessible and confidentiality is respected. All certificates are clearly displayed and regular news letters keep parents updated with information about the setting.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- Good use is made of space and resources within the setting to meet the children's needs effectively.
- The staff provide stimulating activities which are interesting to the children.
- A warm and welcoming environment is provided for the children.
- Security arrangements within the buildings ensure the safe arrival and departure of the children.
- Relevant accident, medication and written consent forms are in place.
- Staff and volunteers are interested in the children and have knowledge of them as individuals.

What needs to be improved?

- : all National Standards for Out of School Care are being met.

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.

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.