



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 22/11/2004
Inspector Name Ann Moss

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name Barnkids Ltd. at Little Acorns Nursery
Setting Address The Barn, Penang Farm
Combe Lane, Chiddingfold
Godalming
Surrey
GU8 4XL

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Barnkids Limited 04833392

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Barnkids Ltd. at Little Acorns Nursery is a private nursery setting owned by Barnkids Limited. The nursery originally opened in 1996 and re-registered in 2004. It provides full day care and sessional care. There is also an after school club serving four local schools. The nursery is located in a converted barn and a newly constructed single-storey building on a working farm. Rising threes and four-year-old children are cared for in the Barn building which has a main playroom and an adjoining quiet room on the ground floor with a further playroom on the newly refurbished mezzanine floor. There are toilet facilities on the ground floor of the building. Children enjoy outdoor play in an enclosed area adjacent to the Barn. Part of this area is covered with a safe play surface and part of it is roofed for play in wet weather. There is an adjacent unit that houses the toddler unit and has a main hall, quiet room toilets, kitchen office and reception. There is a second outdoor play area for younger children. The setting serves the rural community living in and around the village of Chiddingfold in Surrey. The setting supports children with special needs.

There are currently seventy-four children aged from eighteen months to under five years on roll. Of these twenty-four children have applied for nursery education.

Sessions for funded nursery education run from 09:00 to 11.30 and from 12:30 to 15:00 every weekday during term time only. Daycare and care during school holidays are both available for forty-six weeks per year.

The setting employs sixteen staff. Eleven of the staff including the manager hold an approved early years qualification. Three member of staff are working towards a qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Barnkids Ltd. at Little Acorns Nursery provides good quality care for children.

The daycare is well organised. Staff are qualified in early years and experienced in playwork. The operational plan is well written covering all areas of daycare and made available to parents. The setting is organised effectively. Staff make best use of their time, and use space and resources imaginatively to create a stimulating, orderly and supportive environment for children. All documentation is in place.

The premises are secure. The setting has procedures to reduce risk and make sure

that the children are cared for in a safe environment, however, these have yet to be extended to include all outdoor activities. The staff maintain regulatory accident and medical records which are shared and signed by parents in most instances. Staff raise children's awareness of personal care and hygiene practice. However, the procedure for the drying of children's hands is inconsistent within the setting. Staff give attention to children's dietary needs. Staff respect and value children's differences by showing appropriate attention to individual needs. Children with special needs have a dedicated staff member who understands their additional needs and is appropriately trained. Staff are aware of the settings child protection procedure.

The setting provides a good selection of toys and activities which help children develop in all area of learning. Children are able to make choices about the toys they play with and they are supported by staff who encourage experimentation and imagination. Staff praise and encourage good behaviour and are good role models. Children are well behaved and co-operative with each other.

The setting has plenty of evidence of positive feedback from parents. Parents are given lots of written information about the setting's functions and have meetings with staff to discuss written records on how their children are progressing.

What has improved since the last inspection?

N/A this is the first inspection since registration.

What is being done well?

- The setting offers a warm and welcoming environment. Parents and children are greeted on entry. Staff make conversation with children about issues individual to them to help the children feel valued and secure in attending the setting.
- The staff have a good relationship with the children. They enjoy their company and know them well. They spend a lot of time talking and playing with children and helping them to learn. The children are very happy and settled.
- The range and variety of activities provided allow children choice. Children can do quiet or physical activities dependent on their mood. They are also able to access different mediums to extend their play, e.g. mark making equipment. Children become more independent.

What needs to be improved?

- Risk assessment.
- Staffs knowledge, understanding and implementation of health and safety policies and procedure for the safe and effective management of the setting.

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 the 1 April Ofsted have not received any complaints about this provider.

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	keep up to date written records, signed by parents as appropriate.
6	conduct an up to date risk assessment on the premises and any outings identifying action to be taken to minimize identified risks
7	ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding hand washing

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.