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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/06/2003
Inspector Name Angela Cecilia Ramsey

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name John Smith Childrens Centre
Setting Address 90 Stepney Way
Stepney
London
E1 2EN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ms Isabel Darling

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

The John Smith Children's Centre is directly managed by the Local Authority. It is situated in Stepney close to the Whitechapel underground station and main bus routes.

The premises is purpose built and there is plenty of space and sources of natural light throughout the building and there is an enclosed outdoor area.

The centre offers full time places and is registered to take 22 children aged under five years of age including nine children with special needs and is open Monday to Friday from 08:00 - 17:30 all year round.

Within the centre there is also a toy library which is well used by the local community.

All childcare workers at the centre hold a childcare qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

The John Smith Centre provides good quality care for children.

The premises are clean and well maintained and policies and procedures in place that promote the welfare and care of the children.

The organisation of space and use of resources meets the children's needs effectively. Children have easy access to a wide range of toys, play materials and equipment that promotes equality of opportunity.

Positive steps are taken to promote safety and staff promote good health and hygiene practices within the children's daily routine and there are clear medication procedures in place.

Dietary and religious requirements are taken into account. Meals times are a social event and also a time to increase a child's independence.

The staff are active in promoting the welfare and development of children with special needs in partnership with parents and other professionals. Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of child protection issues. There are procedures in place to ensure the protection of children.

A good range of activities are provided, which support the children's all round development. There are clear procedures in place for behaviour management which are implemented by staff and shared with parents.

Parents are informed about the provision and regular meetings take place to share information with parents, however where there have been some staff changes these have not been shared with Ofsted.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, the Manager agreed to attend a Suitable Persons Interview.

The Manager successfully completed this interview.

The centre's policies and procedures have been updated since the last inspection.

What is being done well?

- Staff organise the space and resources well to meet the needs of the children effectively.
- The group provided good range of easily accessible activities that support the children's all round development including play materials and equipment that promote equality of opportunity.
- Dietary and religious requirements are taken into account. Meals times are used as a social time and to increase children's independence.
- Staff take positive steps to promote safety with in the centre.
- The staff are active in promoting the welfare and development of children with special needs in partnership with parents.

What needs to be improved?

- the ensuring that OFSTED are informed of staff changes.

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
1	Ensure that OFSTED are informed of staff changes.

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.