



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	25/11/2004
Inspector Name	Chris Banks

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Corams Fields Community Nursery
Setting Address	93 Guilford Street London WC1N 1DN

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Committee of Corams Fields & the Harmsworth Memorial Playground 302963
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### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Corams Fields & the Harmsworth Memorial Playground
Address	Corams Fields, 93 Guilford Street London WC1N 1DN

## 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

Coram Fields Community Nursery for children aged between 3 and 5 years was registered in 1992.

It operates from 2 ground floor rooms of a listed building situated within the large community open space of Coram Fields WC1. There is a separate enclosed play area for exclusive use of the nursery and children also have supervised access to other facilities provided by Coram Fields. The nursery serves families who live, work or study in the London Borough of Camden.

The group is open 5 days a week for 48 weeks of the year. Operating hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are between 09:30 - 16:00. Each Thursday, the nursery closes at 15:30. Children can attend a variety of sessions. There are currently 24 children on roll. This includes 14 children aged 3 years and 10 children aged 4 years who are in receipt of a Nursery Education Grant. The setting supports children who speak English as an additional language.

4 staff work with the children. 3 staff including the manager have suitable qualifications in early years childcare.

### How good is the Day Care?

Coram Fields Community Nursery provides a satisfactory standard of care for children.

Premises are secure, bright and reasonably maintained with good standards of hygiene throughout. The main play area is organised in a child friendly way and the combined space is sufficient for the number of children the Nursery is registered to care for. There are clearly documented policies and procedures relating to children's health, safety and welfare. On a day to day basis, staff take good practical precautions to ensure children are safe and well supervised but no member of staff holds a valid First Aid certificate.

Comprehensive information about the individual needs of each child is effectively gathered and recorded. The key worker system mostly works well in practice and children are happy and well settled. They are positively encouraged to contribute towards ensuring daily routines run smoothly and behave in a co operative and helpful way.

The suitably qualified and experienced staff team facilitate a varied range of play activities to support children's learning and development. There is an appropriate balance of child led and adult initiated activities with good opportunities to extend children's outdoor play experiences. Within the main playroom, children are able to self select from a satisfactory range of easily accessible and mostly well cared for toys and equipment. They also have access to wide ranging outdoor facilities and equipment.

Partnerships with parents are good. On a daily basis they receive a warm welcome from staff who actively encourage their participation in the service. Comprehensive written information is made available and good information sharing arrangements help ensure parents receive regular feedback about their child's progress

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

general repairs recently carried out on the premises have minimised identified risks to children.

there are now suitable arrangements in place for the confidential storage of information

#### **What is being done well?**

- staff make good use of facilities offered by Coram Fields. Children have supervised access to an extensive green open space that includes a range of fixed play and adventure playground equipment, a large sandpit and separate farm animal enclosure.

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- systems to ensure staff qualifications in First Aid are updated
- arrangements ensure parents give written permission for staff to seek emergency medical treatment or advice
- the complaints procedure to ensure details of Ofsted are included
- written child protection procedures to include the role of Ofsted

**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.)**

not applicable

#### **Outcome of the inspection**

Satisfactory

## 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	request written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment
7	ensure at least one member of staff holds a valid First Aid certificate
12	ensure the complaints procedure includes details about the role of Ofsted
13	ensure written child protection procedures include details about the role of Ofsted

## **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.*