



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 03/12/2003  
Inspector Name Barbara Law

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd  
Setting Address 34 Bagslate Moor Road  
Norden  
Rochdale  
Lancashire  
OL11 5XT

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd  
Address Fisherfield Farm  
Hargate Avenue  
Rochdale  
Lancashire  
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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

Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd, The Gables Nursery, has been registered with Ofsted since June 2001. It is housed in a true bungalow in the Norden area of Rochdale. There is an all weather grassed safety surface providing outdoor play throughout the year in the side garden area.

The Nursery is part of the Fisherfield Farm Nursery Group and is registered to provide care for 49 children and currently has 73 on roll. Most 3/4 year olds are in receipt of Early Years funding.

The Nursery is open Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 18:00. It closes for statutory Bank Holidays and over the Christmas and New Year period.

The person in charge on a day to day basis holds appropriate qualifications in Early Years Childcare and has several years experience in this field. She is assisted by a deputy, who also holds appropriate qualifications. Five additional staff are qualified in Early Years Childcare and a further four are working towards a qualification. Three staff, two of whom work on a part time basis are unqualified but have years of experience in childcare. The Nursery employs a cook who holds a GNVQ in hotel and hospitality, and a domestic who works in the evenings. Seven members of staff hold a relevant first aid certificate.

An Area Manager offers remote support and guidance and is on site at the nursery on one day of the week.

The Nursery have their own website which is available to the public on-line.

### How good is the Day Care?

Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd (The Gables Nursery) provides a good standard of care. The rooms of the Nursery are well organised to facilitate the different ages and stages of development of children. Within these, the staff are deployed to maximise on their skills and experience to best meet the needs of the children, whilst ensuring that adult child ratios are maintained. A key worker system is in operation and ensures that children are regarded as individuals and their needs known and met by staff. This assists children to feel safe and secure.

The Nursery has a range of policies in relation to the safety and well being of the children and Staff, though an area of practice has been identified for further

attention. There are routines in place for each of the rooms including set times for eating, sleeping and playing, this further develops children's sense of security, safety and confidence. The Nursery also employs additional features to ensure the security of children. Mealtimes are in the designated rooms and staff sit with the children, this provides a social atmosphere. Meals are prepared by a qualified cook and provide a well balanced diet for the children. Good hygiene practices are maintained, however a recommendation has been made to enhance the practice further with regard to the storage of food.

Resources within the nursery promote equality of opportunity for all children, staff awareness of the policy enhances this further and provides an inclusive environment for children. The Nursery offers a range of activities to the children that promote their learning, development and well being. They maximise on the available space both indoors and out.

There are effective systems in place for the sharing of information with parents, including parents evening and a notice board in the foyer. A web site is available to parents, this can be accessed

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

not applicable

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

- The Nursery organises space and staff well to best meet the needs of the children and provide them with a broad range of play and learning opportunities.
- Staff are aware of the clear policies in place which underpin the practice. This helps to ensure the safety and well being of the children.
- There are a range of food choices available to the children which meet all dietary requirements and promote healthy eating, mealtimes are social events where children chatter freely and exercise choice over foods and quantity. They interact with staff and each other.
- Staff have experience of working with parents and other agencies to meet the needs of children, this helps to provide consistent care and promote good working relationships with parents.

#### **An aspect of outstanding practice:**

The additional measures that have been put in place to offer extra security for the children. (Standard 6)

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

- the access to the fire exit with regard to high chairs blocking the exit
- the arrangements for storing prepared food.

**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
6	Ensure that the fire exit restricted by high chairs is accessible at all times
8	Review the practice for the safe and hygienic storage of prepared foods in the corridor.

## **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.*