



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

URN 503961

INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 09/11/2004
Inspector Name Barbara Redmond

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Dovedale Out of Hours Kids' Club
Setting Address Dovedale Infant School
Herondale Road
Liverpool
Merseyside
L18 1JX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ms Victoria McBride

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

Dovedale Out of Hours kids Club is based in Dovedale School in the Mossley Hill area of Liverpool. It serves the pupils of the school. Children use the school hall, a classroom and a large outdoor playground.

There are 53 children on register. Children attend for a variety of breakfast and after school sessions.

The after school club opens 08.00 to 09.00 and from 15.15 to 17.45 from Monday to Friday during the school term time only. The PIC holds the NVQ L3 in play work. Staff numbers vary depending on the number of children who will use the club.

How good is the Day Care?

Dovedale Out of Hours Kids Club provides satisfactory care for children. The premises are clean and well maintained and children have access to a large outdoor play space. The manager has a level III Play work qualification, but was the only qualified member of staff on the premises due to the absence of the deputy. Arrangements for appointing new staff are good and an induction and appraisal system ensures that staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities. Children have access to a sufficient amount of play resources but are not able to select equipment independently due to storage restrictions. Appropriate records are in place which are kept up to date but need to be stored securely to maintain confidentiality.

There are appropriate policies and procedures to keep children safe. Fire procedures are displayed and offer clear instructions. Fire drills are carried out regularly. The outdoor playground is not secure and children are found to be supervised outside by unqualified but experienced staff. Staff have a good knowledge of children's individual needs and seek guidance from parents on providing appropriate care. Children have a variety of snacks, which usually include fruit, and regular drinks.

Children and staff relate well to each other and staff move around the setting joining in as needed or when requested. Children can access a range of activities that staff lay out for them and appear interested and focused in what they do. They have free choice about where they play including the outdoor area. However, their access to resources reflecting a diverse society is limited and a quiet area for children to rest is lacking. Children generally behave well and are able to contribute to the rules of the

club.

Staff have formed good relationships with parents. They greet them warmly and exchange information about the children informally each day. The exchange of information before the child is admitted to the setting is good.

What has improved since the last inspection?

There were no actions from the last inspection

What is being done well?

- Appropriate induction procedures ensure that staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities.
- Children and staff relate well to each other and children seem interested in what they do.
- Staff have good relationships with parents and exchange information effectively.

What needs to be improved?

- the minimum staff qualifications
- the indoor storage facilities to allow children independent access
- the resources which reflect a diverse society
- the storage of records to maintain confidentiality
- the provision of a quiet area for children to rest.

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.)

No complaints since April 2004

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
2	Ensure that the visitor's book is used consistently.
2	Develop and implement an action plan detailing how at least half of all childcare staff will hold a level 2 qualification in childcare.
4	Improve storage arrangements so children can access resources independently and create a quiet area for children to rest.
5	Increase resources which reflect a diverse society.
12	Store children's records securely to maintain confidentiality.
12	Ensure that the regulator's address and telephone number are included in the complaints procedure.

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.