



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 06/10/2003
Inspector Name Margaret Rose Sully

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Delaware Kids Activity Club
Setting Address Drakewalls
Gunnislake
Cornwall
PL18 9EN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Delaware Kids Activity Club

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Delaware Kids Activity Club
Address Delaware CP School
Drakeswalls
Gunnislake
Cornwall
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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

Delaware Kids Activity Club has been registered for six years. It operates from a room in Delaware Primary school which is situated in a large village. The group has access to toilets, school hall, school library, two classrooms and the school grounds. The latter includes an adventure playground, fields and hard surface areas. Children attending the out of school provision are from a wide area, although the majority of children attend the school.

The out of school care is registered to provide thirty places for children aged from four to under eight years old. There are currently over 100 children on roll. Children attend a variety of sessions each week, some using the provision occasionally. Staff support children who have special needs. There are no children attending who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens five days a week during school term time times and school holidays, except Bank Holidays. Sessions last from 07.45 to 08.45 and from 15.15 to 17.45 in term time

Five staff work with the children, the play leader has an Early Years qualification, one member of staff is qualified and two members of staff are working towards qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Delaware Out of School club provides good care for children. The staff offer a warm and welcoming environment where children can relax, join in with a range of interesting activities and socialize. Space is organized well with separate areas for relaxation, homework, craft and role play. The group have access to several other rooms in the school which are used for specific activities. There is a wide range of equipment for indoor and outdoor use, children have free access to all resources. Records are kept up to date and stored in a locked cabinet in the club's main room, which is generally for their sole use.

Staff are aware of safety issues and children are well supervised indoors and outdoors. They are kept updated on information by regular staff meetings. The children's health and hygiene is promoted through staff encouraging hand washing at appropriate times and children have the opportunity of regular exercise outdoors or in the school hall, if the weather is not suitable. One member of staff has a

paediatric first aid qualification, other members of staff will attend this course. Healthy snacks and breakfasts are provided for children with drinking water available at all times. The staff get to know the children and parents well and the children's individual needs are known and met.

Interesting daily activities are provided, in addition to children being able to choose from a wide range of games, books and equipment within the main room. Workshops are offered regularly for specific activities such as circus skills and drama. The children behave well and have good relationships with staff. The children are confident and sociable; there are regular discussion groups with staff, when children can voice their ideas and opinions about the club, enabling them to be fully involved.

There are good relationships with parents and information is shared through daily discussion, several notice boards, newsletters and an open evening.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the provider agreed to ensure electrical sockets were not a hazard; to add details of the regulator to the complaints procedure; to ensure parents signed the accident book, to carry out a risk assessment; to provide a procedure for a lost or uncollected child; to ensure the committee were vetted and to provide evidence of vehicle insurance and driving licence to the regional office.

Electrical sockets are now covered, the procedures for lost and uncollected children and for complaints are now complete; parents sign all accidents; the new committee are going through the vetting process and evidence of vehicle insurance and driving licence was sent to the regional office.

What is being done well?

- There is an attractive, welcoming main room used, with use of school hall, library and two other classrooms.
- There are separate areas in the main room for relaxation, craft, homework and role play.
- Children are able to choose from a wide range of interesting activities, including physical activities indoors and outdoors. Workshops for specific activities are provided on a regular basis.
- Children behave well and there are good relationships between the children and staff. Staff give plenty of individual attention to children and spend time talking and playing with them.
- Parents receive information about their children through daily discussions with staff, there is an open evening and frequent communications through newsletters and notice boards. There are good relationships with parents and parents report that they are very pleased with the care their children receive at the Out of School Club.

What needs to be improved?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● fire drills for the out of school club and the recording of these.

Outcome of the inspection
Good

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION
<i>All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.</i>
<i>As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.</i>

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 fire drills are carried out on a regular basis and these are recorded

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.