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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 27/10/2003
Inspector Name Susan Christine Mcguire

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Earith Kidz Klub
Setting Address Earith County Primary School, School Road
Earith
Huntingdon
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of The Committee

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name The Committee
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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

Earith Kidz Klub was established in 1995. It is a voluntary-run organisation providing out of school care for children in the local community of Earith, a Cambridgeshire village, and from surrounding areas. The Kidz Klub shares purpose built premises, which are located within the primary school campus, with the local pre-school. The single storey building has it's own enclosed outdoor play area. The setting, which offers full day care during school holidays and after school care during term-time for 30 children aged 4 to 12 years, is managed by a voluntary committee. During term-time opening hours are from 15:00 - 18:00 each weekday and 3 regular members of staff cover these hours, with a further 5 casual/relief staff to call upon when necessary. During holiday periods opening times are extended each weekday from 08:30 until 18:00. Staffing levels are then increased according to the number of children attending, with up to 11 staff members being available. The group can call upon The Kids Club Network or Cambridgeshire 's OSCA project for support.

How good is the Day Care?

The Out of School Club provides good care for children.

The staff work well together as a team, daily preparing the premises to create a welcoming atmosphere for the children, whilst respecting the space belonging to the other user-group. There is a high staff/child ratio which ensures that the needs of all ages in attendance are met. Staff take part in short on-going training courses but some attention needs to be paid to the gaining of relevant qualifications.

Documentation is well-organised, contributing to the smooth running of the club, although some policies require amendments in order for them to fully meet the requirements of the National Standards.

Staff show a good awareness of safety issues and there are procedures are in place to help children play safely, indoors and outdoors, and when transferring to the club from school. Children are encouraged to manage their personal hygiene. Drinks are freely available and snacks are healthy.

A wide range of appropriate activities are provided and children are encouraged to make choices about how they spend their time at the club. There is a good balance of indoor and outdoor play which allows for 'letting off steam' after school, and when attending the club all day during the holidays. Resources reflect positive images of the multi-cultural nature of society. Children have good relationships with the staff

and each other, and behaviour is good.

Parents are kept well-informed about the club through informative paperwork, and by the daily informal exchange of information when dropping-off or collecting their children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the club agreed to attend to certain safety issues relating to the boundary fence and the toilet area, and to conduct a risk assessment of the areas used by the children. The required repairs have been completed and a risk assessment is now carried out on a regular basis. They also agreed to improve the child protection procedures by keeping an existing injury record and by making parents aware of the group's policies and procedures in this regard. An existing injury record is now in place, and a statement about child protection responsibilities has been added to the registration forms which parents sign. Lastly, they agreed to implement a sick child policy and to gain written permission for emergency medical treatment. There is now a sick child policy in place, although this needs to be developed in order for it to fully meet the requirements of Standard 7 (see recommendations below). Written permission for emergency medical treatment is now given on the children's registration forms.

What is being done well?

- - a strong emphasis is placed on providing a well-resourced environment where children can relax and explore their own interests in safety, and with adult support when needed. (Standard 3)
- - staff make good use of shared the premises, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for both children and parents. Children move around the premises with confidence. (Standard 4)
- - safety is given a high priority and there are good procedures in place to enable children to play safely on the premises and to be escorted there safely from school. (Standard 6)
- - children are encouraged to be considerate towards each other, and they benefit from the family-like environment where the age-groups mix well and willingly include each other in their activities. (Standard 11)

What needs to be improved?

- - the provision for children who wish to play or relax quietly, so that the area designated for this is arranged in an inviting manner. (Standard 4)
- - the sick child policy, to include a procedure to be followed in the event of a child becoming ill whilst in attendance at the club. (Standard 7)
- - the behaviour policy, to include a statement about how bullying would be dealt with. (Standard 11)

- - the Child Protection statement, to include a procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff or volunteer. (Standard 13)

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 must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
2	Devise and implement a plan which shows how the group will meet the regulation requiring that a minimum of 50% of staff will be qualified to level 2.	01/01/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
4	consider ways of making the quiet area cosy and inviting.
7	include a procedure to be followed in the event of a child becoming ill, whilst in the group, in the sick child policy.
11	include a statement about how incidents of bullying will be dealt with in the behaviour policy.
13	include a procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff in the child protection statement.

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.