



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/10/2004
Inspector Name Susan Parker

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Toybox Day Nurseries Ltd
Setting Address Saxon Local Centre
Off Chambers Way
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG18 8AT

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Toybox Day Nurseries Ltd 0354718

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Toybox Day Nursery operates from a purpose built facility located on the new development situated behind the Saxon Gate Leisure Centre, on the outskirts of Biggleswade. The nursery is within walking distance of the town centre and provides easy access for commuting parents both from the A1M and the local train station.

The nursery is registered to provide care for a total of 112 children aged 0 to 5 years, and out of school care for 30 children aged 5-8 years

The nursery is the second facility of the Toybox chain which is owned by Mrs Jacqueline Hayes. Mrs Hayes is the proprietor and director of the company. Mrs Hayes also has a sister nursery located within Sandy.

The nursery is in receipt of government funding for three and four year olds.

The nursery are members of the National Day Nursery's Association

How good is the Day Care?

Toy Box Day Nursery (Biggleswade) provides good care for children.

The organisation of the day care is very effective. Clear operational plans, policies and procedures are effectively practiced consistently by all staff members. Provision of quality resources, equipment and well planned, purpose-built premises, support the day to day running of the nursery.

The safety and care of the children is a priority. The premises are secure and rooms monitored by CCTV. Children's personal details, risk assessments and a very effective emergency evacuation procedure, ensure children's safety at all times. Children with special needs and medical conditions have all their individual needs effectively met.

The range and quality of the activities provided for the children are very good. Access to excellent resources and equipment, and effective planning promote progress and development of children's skills in all areas of their development. The staff help children to develop their skills by asking appropriate questions, listening to them and encouraging children to try new experiences.

The partnership with parents is very good. Daily diaries are used to effectively pass

information between home and the nursery. Newsletters, 6 monthly open evenings and an open door policy, promote a very effective partnership between the nursery and the parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

N/A

What is being done well?

- The excellent attention to all safety aspects within the nursery ensures the safety and welfare of all the children.
- There are comprehensive policies and procedures which successfully underpin the good quality day to day running of the nursery.

What needs to be improved?

- the provision of further resources to meet the needs of children aged 5-8 years.

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.)

There are no complaints to report.

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
3	Acquire further resources to meet the needs of children aged 5-8 years.

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.