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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	14/08/2003
Inspector Name	Joanne Lindsey Caswell

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Ashtead Kids Club
Setting Address	Barnett Wood Lane Ashtead Surrey KT21 2BZ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Ms Louise Ditrana
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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

Ashtead Kids Club operates from the Youth Centre in Ashtead, Surrey. It is registered to provide out of school care for 48 children aged three to eight years. Children up to 11 years are able to attend and are included in the registered numbers.

The club is open Monday to Friday throughout the year, during term time. Children are collected from 13 different local schools. The opening hours are 15:00 to 18:00. During all school holidays the club is open from 08:30 to 17:30. An extended day can be arranged, by arrangement.

Children have access to a large hall, an adjoining sports hall and an eating area. Toilets and hand washing facilities are also available. Staff have access to a kitchen. A public playing field is used for outdoor play and children are always supervised.

The club is managed by qualified and experienced staff, who all have access to further training.

Children are able to participate in a wide range of activities including: football and martial arts - taught by specialist staff; cookery, art and craft, sports, team games, drama, outings and visits.

How good is the Day Care?

Ashtead Kids Club provides good quality care for children. Staff have completed relevant training and are committed to improving their knowledge and skills. The club is managed effectively and good procedures are in place to cover staff absence.

The premises are well-maintained and organised appropriately to enable children to access a range of varied activities, both inside and outside. Resources are plentiful, of good quality and reflect equality and diversity.

Staff demonstrate a high awareness of health and safety issues and procedures are frequently reviewed and updated. Relevant precautions are taken throughout the premises to safeguard children and minimise risk. Staff are aware of children's dietary requirements and incorporate these into any activity involving food, where necessary.

Staff have an excellent understanding of the importance of equal opportunities and

special needs care and promote this positively in all areas of daily practice.

A good range of stimulating and fun activities is on offer and children are able to participate in both structured activity and free play of their own choice.

Children's behaviour is managed well and staff are committed to promoting positive behaviour and setting a good example to children.

Staff provide a welcoming environment for parents and ensure all relevant information is exchanged.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is the first inspection since registration.

What is being done well?

- The staff team consists of qualified and experienced early years staff who are dedicated to ensuring the children in their care are happy, safe and well-cared for.
- The club is organised well.
- Policies are comprehensive, well-documented and reviewed regularly. Staff implement their regulatory responsibilities and are knowledgeable of the National Standards for Out of School Care.
- Staff plan a varied range of play opportunities and activities and allow children freedom of choice, independence and to make their own decisions. Staff interaction is very good and children relate well to members of staff and approach them confidently.
- Staff meet children's individual needs very well. Relevant information is obtained and regularly updated with parents. Specific needs are identified and addressed by all staff to enable children to participate fully in all activities on offer to them.
- Staff support children with special needs extremely well and successfully integrate them in to the club. All children are treated with respect and are made to feel valued.

What needs to be improved?

- the procedure for ensuring sick and infectious children are excluded from the club; (Standard 7)
- the method used by staff for exchanging information from school staff to parents at the end of each school day. (Standard 7)

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
7	devise and implement a written policy for the exclusion of sick and infectious children
7	improve the method of exchanging information from school staff to parents regarding children's specific needs. eg. the recording of accidents which happened at school

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.