



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

URN EY245408

INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 11/12/2003
Inspector Name Hayley Lapworth

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name Wise Owls Nursery
Setting Address Hinckley Road
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
CV11 6BH

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Wise Owls Nursery

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Wise Owls Nursery
Address Hinckley Road
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
CV11 6BH

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

Wise Owls Day Nursery operates from a hut on the site of North Warwickshire and Hinckley College, Nuneaton. The hut has one large playroom a kitchen, bathroom, staff toilet and small office. Wise Owls Day Care serves the college staff and students.

There are currently 26 children from two to five years on roll. There are 2 funded children. Children attend a variety of sessions. The setting supports a number of children with special needs, and who speak English as a second language.

The group opens five days a week during school term times. Sessions are from 08.45-16.45 Monday to Thursday and 08.45-16.00 on Fridays.

Six part full/time staff work with the children. All of the staff have Early Years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3.

How good is the Day Care?

Wise Owls Day Nursery provides good care. Arrangements are in place to protect children, however the visitors record needs to include all visitors. The nursery has a good operational plan with effective policies including staff deployment ensuring the children are well supervised at all times. All staff are qualified in childcare. Toys and equipment are plenty providing children with a variety of well balanced activities.

Generally documentation and policies are maintained providing efficient management and promoting the welfare of the children.

Staff have made arrangements to provide a safe environment, however minor amendments need to be made. Healthy, nutritious meals are provided, children's individual dietary needs are considered following parents wishes, ensuring consistent care. Resources reflecting equal opportunities are in place, staff attitudes are positive with regard to equality enabling children's needs to be met.

Play opportunities are well organised with stimulating activities enhancing children's overall development. Children are well occupied, extremely happy during play, relating well to staff and one another. Good behaviour is identified and appropriately praised, allowing the children to develop self esteem and confidence.

The environment is stimulating, parents are made welcome and kept well informed

about their child's care with regular newsletters and communication.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable, as this is the first inspection.

What is being done well?

- There is a strong emphasis on working in partnership with parents providing information relating to the care of the children.
- Methods for handling children's behaviour are consistently applied with acknowledgement of good behaviour.
- Children's overall needs are met through a good range of toys and equipment including positive representation of equality, children are well occupied, happy and relate well to staff and one another.
- Good attention is paid to maintaining accurate policies, staff are aware of their individual roles and responsibilities, are deployed well maintaining good supervision levels throughout the day.
- A well balanced menu is available which offers choice whilst maintaining healthy and nutritious values.

What needs to be improved?

- the procedure for recording visitors on the premises
- the safety in the staff toilet.

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
2	Ensure the visitors record is used at all times.
6	Conduct a risk assessment on the staff toilet area identifying actions to be taken to minimise identified risks.

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.