



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 13/05/2004
Inspector Name Jenifer Kirby

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Kelmscott Creche
Setting Address 243 Markhouse Road
Walthamstow
London
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Greenwich Leisure Limited

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Greenwich Leisure Limited
Address Middlegate House, 1 Seymour Street
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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

The creche occupies a purpose-built room within a leisure centre which offers a range of activities such as gym and exercise classes. The creche room has a reception area, and carers do not step into the creche area of the room. There is also a desk area which is similarly kept separate from the creche area by a low level fence, and a baby area again within the creche room which has a low level fence around it. There is a store cupboard off the main creche room, & toilets adjacent to the corridor leading to the creche. Numbers of children attending vary & on day of inspection there were 15 children, 12 were under 2 years, 2 were under 3, & 1 was under 1 year. The booking system with some places booked in advance ensures staff:child ratios are kept. Some children attend on a regular basis, & others may use the creche once only. The creche is for the leisure centre users only.

How good is the Day Care?

Kelmscott creche provides satisfactory care for children.

The creche is brightly decorated and furnished, and there is a wide range of toys and play equipment, and planned activities. However shortages of toys sometimes occur.

The staff are experienced in meeting children's individual needs. However sometimes the need for a staff member to maintain an overview of the whole creche means there are missed opportunities to interact with individual children. In addition staff shortages sometimes mean the creche facility is cancelled at short notice.

There is good awareness of children's health needs.

Good behaviour is encouraged and praised, and staff have excellent partnerships with parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, the creche manager was required to attend a first aid course, all staff were required to be aware of the national standards, there was to be a sufficient supply of small toys and tables, and storage of toys and play equipment was to be improved.

The creche manager has attended a first aid course, all staff now have a full understanding of the national standards, there are sufficient small toys and tables, and storage facilities for toys and play equipment have been improved.

What is being done well?

- Relationships between staff children and parents are good. Positive behaviour is encouraged with plenty of praise and encouraging comments, and there are clear procedures for working in effective partnership with parents.
- Staff meet children's individual needs well as they build up strong relationships with them. Wall posters and displays show positive images of children from a wide range of backgrounds.

What needs to be improved?

- safety of low-level bannisters around babies' area
- staffing arrangements including deputising arrangements
- sufficient quantity of toys and play equipment to meet the needs of children attending.

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

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	regular review of crèche staffing including effective deputising arrangements
5	regular review of toys and play equipment in the crèche to ensure there are always sufficient supplies to meet the needs of the children attending

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.