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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 02/09/2004
Inspector Name Sharon Verma

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care
Setting Name Dweezils Adventure Centre
Setting Address Asda Store, Cromwell Avenue
Westbrook
Warrington
Cheshire
WA5 5UG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mr David Watson

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

Dweezils Adventure Centre opened in 1992. It operates from two rooms within the Asda store, Westbrook, Warrington. It serves children and families who live across a wide area.

The crèche provides child care for a maximum of 64 children from 2 to 8 years of age over a range of opening hours Monday to Friday 9.00 - 20.00, Saturday 9.00 - 19.00 and Sunday 10.30 to 16.30. The maximum length of stay permitted, is two hours. The provision only caters for children whose parents / carers are using the store. Children under 2 years are admitted but must be accompanied by an adult. Parent and toddler sessions and children's parties are also offered within the setting with the party organiser taking responsibility for the children. Both of these fall outside registration requirements, but consideration is given to the overall impact such activities and numbers place on the care of three to eight year olds.

Nine staff work with the children, of whom five have an early years qualification to NVQ level 2 or 3. One member of staff is presently training to be a teacher.

How good is the Day Care?

Dweezils Adventure Centre provides satisfactory care for children. The premises are brightly decorated to provide an interesting and child oriented environment. Three quarters of the room is dedicated to soft play and the rest offers a choice of play opportunities and equipment for children of a mixed age range. Toilets are located outside of the crèche and there is an issue which relates to the supervision of children during toileting. There is a procedure in place for staff induction which is carried out over several weeks however, child protection is not always covered in the first week of employment. Staff have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities. The manager is in the process of obtaining a level three qualification. All records are stored securely.

The premises are safe for children with regular safety checks and fire drills carried out. There is ventilation system which consists of sliding panels in the roof, and is controlled centrally by Asda. Although children can buy fruit drinks, fresh drinking water is not made easily available. There is a sick child policy in place however, there is a minor omission.

Activities are mainly child initiated and children are confident about selecting

resources and activities. They particularly enjoy the large physical play equipment which they find fun and challenging. Staff are caring and friendly, they spend time talking and playing with the children. Behaviour management strategies are appropriate, they take account of individual stages of development. Staff are aware of their responsibilities to protect children.

Staff value partnership with parents. They Provide parents with clear guidance regarding emergency evacuation and collection procedures, and printed information is available to inform parents about the main policies and procedures.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the provider agreed to ensure that any person who has not been vetted is never left alone with children. New staff are not left in sole charge of children until they have been vetted in order to protect children. The provider also agreed to ensure that the registration system shows times of arrival and departure of staff and children. This is now in place to ensure there is a clear record of who is on the premises at any given time, which is very important for emergencies such as fire evacuation. The provider now makes the policies on equal opportunities, special needs, behaviour management and child protection available to parents as agreed. This ensures that parents have access to relevant information about how the setting operates, to allow them to make an informed choice about the care of their child.

What is being done well?

- Dweezils Adventure Centre runs from a purpose built room which is brightly decorated, clean and well maintained. The room is well equipped with soft play for a variety of ages which the children find fun and challenging.
- Children's safety and security is given a high priority. All children must be signed in and out by the same adult. Daily safety checks on the premises and the equipment are carried out and recorded daily, and any identified risks are also recorded and reported to head office. A company specialising in soft play equipment comes out to check all the equipment thoroughly every two to three months and a complete risk assessment is carried out annually by the a health and safety representative.
- All staff have up to date first aid training to ensure they are able to act appropriately should a child have an accident in the crèche.
- A warm and welcoming environment is provided for children and parents. Staff make time to talk to all parents to discuss their children with them. Parents are updated about the session and the activities the child has participated in when they collect their child. Seven parent questionnaires were returned and all indicated a high level of satisfaction with the service provided.

What needs to be improved?

- level of qualification for person in charge
- deployment of staff
- the arrangements to ensure that the child protection policy and procedure are covered with new staff in their first week of employment
- the availability of fresh drinking water
- information for parents regarding the procedure staff will follow if a child becomes ill whilst in the crèche

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	Review induction procedure to ensure that the child protection policy and procedure are covered with new staff in their first week of employment. Review the deployment of staff to ensure children are adequately supervised at all times.
7	Provide information for parents regarding the procedure staff will follow if a child becomes ill whilst in the creche.
8	Make fresh drinking water available to children at all times.
1	Develop an action plan that sets out how the person in charge will meet the qualification requirement.

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.