



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 18/05/2004
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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Scaliwagz Ltd
Setting Address Conduit Street
Moorside
Oldham
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Scaliwagz Ltd 4222941

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

The group operates from the community rooms of Hodge Clough Junior School. They are an integral part of the main school building, and have an independent entrance. The rooms comprise of three play rooms and a kitchen. There are male and female toilets close by. The school foyer and hall are also available for the club's use.

There is a large fully enclosed outdoor area with both grass and tarmac surfaces. The group has sole use of the premises when they are in operation.

There are seven members of staff, three of whom are currently working towards achieving a level III NVQ. One currently holds an NVQ II qualification and one is working towards level II.

The group is registered to provide care for 40 children aged from three to eight years. The group does not admit children under the age of four years.

Children over the age of eight may attend.

They currently operate before and after school in term time 07:30 - 09:00 and from 15:15 - 17:30 and during the day some school holidays.

They are not registered to provide overnight care.

How good is the Day Care?

Scaliwagz Ltd provides good care for children.

The group is well managed and organised. Documentation is all in order. Policies are comprehensive and regularly reviewed.

Staff work well together as a cohesive team. All have good knowledge of the children in their care.

The environment is welcoming and child centred. The space and rooms are used to best advantage and children can move freely around the areas. Ample storage is available for the large amount of toys, games and resources which are appropriate to the age group of children attending.

Children are treated with warm care and concern. Individual needs of children are well known by staff. Health and safety issues are given sufficient emphasis and the staff team is vigilant in maintaining oversight of children at all times.

A culture of mutual respect is generated and challenged when necessary.

Children are offered freedom of choice. The aim of leisure and fun is the focus of how they spend their time at the club.

Strategies for dealing with behaviour are appropriate, understood and consistently applied. Children are made aware of the consequence on others of unacceptable behaviour.

Information is displayed for parents and they are encouraged to air any concerns with staff.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable

What is being done well?

- Effective management and organisation systems are in place. The manager is able to reflect critically on what needs to be improved and systematically plan ways to develop practice. Safety is given good emphasis and the escort arrangements are well managed.
- Staff have good relationships with the children and use knowledge of their individual needs and circumstances to ensure that they have appropriate care, oversight and experiences.
- Children are encouraged to approach staff with any worries and they are listened to with attention.
- Appropriate behaviour is actively encouraged. Staff are proactive in detecting changes in behaviour and pre-empting potential outbursts.
- Parent's concerns are given due consideration. Relationships are positive and interactions are friendly and welcoming.
- Responses to questionnaires mention the genuine concern afforded children and the friendly attitudes of staff.

What needs to be improved?

- documentation; parents signatures need to be added to accident records.

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
7	obtain parent's signature of accident records to confirm that they have been informed and ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

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.