



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 28/08/2003  
Inspector Name Christine Fraser Turner

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Sure Start, Families First  
Setting Address Lord Street  
Darwen  
Lancashire  
BB3 0HD

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Sure Start, Families First

### 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

Sure Start Families First nursery is based in a children's centre situated within the Sure Start building in the Sudell area of Darwen. The nursery is close to all local amenities. It is registered to provide full day care (with an integral crèche) for up to 50 children between birth and five years of whom no more than 12 may be under two years. It is open Monday to Friday 07:45- 17:30 and closed for all Bank Holidays. The nursery is not registered to provide overnight care.

The nursery is situated in the sure start building but operates with sole use of a baby area, sensory room, large play area, activity area and playroom which can be used for a separate crèche. The crèche staff are recruited by Barnardo's but are under direct supervision of the manager. There are 13 staff that hold a level three child care qualification plus a manager and a deputy who are supernumerary to the child care ratios. There is a qualified teacher who works in the pre-school during each morning during term time only.

The nursery has funded places for three and four year old children and is part of Blackburn with Darwen's Early Years provision.

### How good is the Day Care?

Sure Start Families First provides good quality day care for children under five years.

An effective operational plan is in place which assists in the smooth running of the nursery and a key worker system is in place to co-ordinate information between the nursery and parents. All required documents to ensure good quality care are in place with minor adjustments needed to one record.

Children have ready access to a wide range of age appropriate equipment that promotes equality of opportunity provided by staff. They have many opportunities to learn through planned experiences both in and out of doors.

Staff ensure that children under two are cared for in a separate area from older children but provide appropriate opportunities for them to mix with older children. Children's behaviour is well managed and staff have a consistent approach to managing behaviour, supported by a clear policy and staff training.

Staff have a generally good understanding of health and safety issues and promote good hygiene routines for children.

Staff are clear on their role to protect children and would take action in line with current guidelines. Appropriate action is in place to ensure all staff are suitable to work with children. Staff have regard to the Code of Practice when working with children with special needs and have good resources available including a sensory room. They work with relevant professionals and parents to ensure individual needs are met.

Staff work in partnership with parents and have regular planned meetings to review children's needs. Parents receive clear written information on the provision and staff exchange information on a daily basis. Staff use the information to ensure children receive individual care and their dietary needs are met.

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

Not applicable.

#### **What is being done well?**

- Staff treat children as individuals.
- Children have access to a wide range of developmentally appropriate toys and resources that promote positive images.
- Staff have created a child friendly environment where children of all ages can readily access toys.
- Staff have a good partnership with parents which ensures that children's individual needs are met.
- Staff respect children's dietary needs and work with other agencies to promote good health .
- Good hygiene routines are in place for children and staff share health information with parents.

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- medication records;
- management of hot food at meal times.

#### **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
6	risk assess the serving of hot meals.
7	ensure the medication record is countersigned by parents.

## **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.*