



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 23/10/2003
Inspector Name Peter Bolton

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Fellowship of St Nicholas School's Out Club
Setting Address 66 London Road
St. Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN37 6AS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Fellowship Of St Nicholas

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

School's Out Club, St Nicholas Centre, St Leonards-on-Sea, is one of four such clubs run by the Fellowship of St Nicholas (FSN), a local children's charity which has been in existence for over 60 years.

It operates at the rear of a large converted house that now serves as the registered offices of FSN, and has access to two large rooms, a smaller room for quiet activities, a kitchen and toilets. There is a secure outdoor play area.

The Club opens on five days a week during term time. Sessions are from 15:15 to 18:00. In school holidays, a holiday playscheme operates each weekday between 08:45 and 17:45

Four members of staff normally work with the children. All have or are working towards a suitable qualification.

The Fellowship of St Nicholas is a member of Kids Club Network and has gained a level three accredited quality assurance certificate, which it is currently renewing.

How good is the Day Care?

The Fellowship of St Nicholas School's Out Club, St Nicholas Centre, provides good care for children.

Good policies and procedures, a suitable supervision programme and a good induction process for staff ensure that they are clear about their roles and responsibilities. The Fellowship of St Nicholas is committed to staff training. Record keeping is detailed and thorough.

The staff team works closely with children and there are good relationships between adults and children. Staff provide good role models for the children and good behaviour is encouraged and expected. Staff give a high priority to ensuring that children are safe at all times.

The premises used, though old, are well decorated and clean and have good natural light. Attractive wall displays also help create a good atmosphere. Staff use the available space well to offer a varied programme of activities. The daily routine has some flexibility to allow for children's interests and requests wherever possible. The range of activities offered to children keeps them interested and occupied.

Relationships with parents are good. They receive regular newsletters and clear information about the club's activities and procedures. Issues raised on parents' questionnaires have been taken up and included in the club's working practices.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Staff work closely with children and have good relationships with them.
- Staff are vigilant and supervise children well.
- Staff act as good role models for children and actively encourage good behaviour. Recently adopted procedures that apply in the case of inappropriate behaviour or language are having a beneficial effect.
- Staff organise space well to provide a range of activities that interest children.
- All documentation and policies are clear and detailed. Record keeping is thorough.

What needs to be improved?

- the safety and tidiness of the cloakroom.

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	Consider ways to improve the appearance, tidiness and safety of the cloakroom.

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.