



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	18/08/2003
Inspector Name	Margaret, Ann Sandfield

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Woodlands Playscheme
Setting Address	Woodlands County Primary School Hunt Road Tonbridge Kent TN10 4BQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Address	Gibson Building, Gibson Drive Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4LZ

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

Woodlands playscheme is one of several playschemes which are registered and organised by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

It has been running for a number of years during four weeks of the school summer holidays during the hours of 9:00 to 13:00. The playscheme mainly serves the local community.

The playscheme operates from two mobiles with interconnecting hall, a cloakroom block and part of the surrounding playing field, which includes an 'Adventure Playground' area containing a variety of large play equipment

There are several visiting workshops covering various topics e.g. craft and sports activities.

There is an on site supervisor, supported by the area co-ordinator who visits regularly.

How good is the Day Care?

The Woodlands playscheme provides a satisfactory standard of care.

Staff provide a varied and well planned day, offering a good range of activities to meet the needs of the different ages and abilities of children attending. They make effective use of the play space and have all necessary documentation and records readily to hand and store them safely. However the toilet facilities are insufficient for the number of children attending.

Staff take positive steps to promote safety within the setting and ensure proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents. However there is no written evidence that staff are aware of procedures to follow in the event a child is missing. Hygienic practices are encouraged, but lack of facilities in the toilet area would not enable children to have full benefit from these practices. Children have ready access to drinks. The supervisor and staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.

Children are happy, interested and involved and their needs, including special needs are being met.

Staff work in partnership with parents and care for the children in accordance with parents wishes.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The range of resources.

What is being done well?

- Information is recorded on all visitors to the playscheme.
- Children are provided with a stimulating range of activities and resources. Children are active, involved, interested and well cared for. Staff are involved in the children's play and respond to them with interest.
- Premises are well maintained, warm and welcoming. Space is organised and used to meet children's needs.
- Overall range, quality and quantity of resources available is of a good standard. Equipment provided actively promotes equality of opportunity. Children can access toys, resources and equipment easily.
- Premises are kept secure and have effective systems in place for the safe arrival and collection of children. Access to the provision is monitored to keep children and staff safe.
- Staff encourage good health and hygiene practices.
- Arrangements for first aid and administration of medication meet requirements.
- Drinks are regularly provided.
- Staff value and include all children and meet their needs. Staff value and encourage good behaviour. Strategies for dealing with behaviour are appropriate and consistently applied.
- Staff have good procedures for keeping parents informed of children's care and programme of activities. Procedures are in place that children are looked after according to their parents wishes.
- There are effective procedures to make staff aware of child protection issues. Staff have knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.
- Records are accessible and stored securely.

What needs to be improved?

- the provision of a lost child policy;
- the sufficiency of toilet and hand wash facilities;

Outcome of the inspection
Satisfactory

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION
<i>All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.</i>
<i>As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.</i>

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person must take the following actions by the date shown		
Std	Action	Date
2	ensure that there is a policy for lost or uncollected children	31/10/2003

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
8	provide hygienic and adequate toilet facilities

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.