



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

URN 317371

INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	30/03/2004
Inspector Name	Andrea, Marie Paulson

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Creche Day Care
Setting Name	The Time Out Club
Setting Address	Oasis Whinfell Forest Temple Sowerby Penrith Cumbria CA10 2DW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Centre Park C/o Kelly Trzupek
------	-------------------------------

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 Time Out Club was established in April 1997. It is based in the Oasis Whinell Forest Holiday Village in Temple Sowerby near Penrith. It provides sessional and Out of School facilities for children who are staying at Oasis Holiday Village.

The Time Out Club is situated in the centre of the complex. It consists of 3 areas; one for babies, another room for children aged from three to seven years, and the Tree House room for children aged from eight to eleven years.

The facility has a completely enclosed out door play area with safety surfacing. The older children also have access to facilities such as the bowling alley and the grassed playing field nearby.

The facility operates daily sessions between 09:00 and 18:15, with extended hours to 21:00 on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year. The number of children on the register varies daily and children from diverse cultures, language and with special needs can attend.

The manager and less than 50% of the staff members hold a level 3 qualification in child care, with other staff working towards an early years qualification. The setting is supported by the Centreparks organisation regarding resources and training.

How good is the Day Care?

The quality of care at The Time Out Club is good.

The premises in the main building are purpose-built, bright, spacious and comfortable, with numerous colourful and interesting wall displays. The children enter into an immediately welcoming environment. The Tree House for the older children is spacious but not as well maintained or welcoming.

The safety procedures and features are thorough and well organised so that the children are safe within a secure environment.

The children attending are on holiday and therefore present only for occasional sessions. An extensive range of activities allows each child to settle into unfamiliar surroundings at their own pace. Children are able to move freely between activities during the sessions. A good balance of structured and free-play is achieved, with resources well planned to provide good play opportunities throughout the age range.

The children are immediately welcomed into the Club by individual staff allocated to each child. Staff have knowledge of each child's individual needs through a thorough registration system where continuity of information is effective, so that appropriate care is given.

A good staff ratio contributes towards the close interaction between staff members and the children for most of the day. The children are generally happy, busy with constructive play and well-behaved within a mainly calm, friendly atmosphere. Systems are in place to contact the parents, for any child who cannot settle.

A set of policies is currently being developed to improve on the information available to parents. The health and safety procedures are very thorough and include the regular use of risk assessments and safety check lists. Good health and safety practices are in place, especially regarding the children entering and leaving the premises.

The recording systems are generally sound and well-organised.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Actions related to the documentation were made at the last inspection to ensure that individual staff records were available on the premises, and that public liability insurance was up to date. These have been achieved.

Also, the designated person for child protection was required to have specific training. This has also been achieved, to ensure that this child care issue is well informed and up to date.

What is being done well?

- Resources are used well to support a varied range of activities which promote the settling in of each child within unfamiliar surroundings.
- Health and safety systems are thorough and seen to work well in practice.
- Staff work closely with different children to help them settle in to and enjoy each session.
- The premises in the main building are immediately welcoming, with being spacious, bright and colourful.

What needs to be improved?

- the policy information made accessible to the parents
- the lunchtime organisation so that the level of supervision is maintained
- the availability of accident records and recording of 'incoming injuries'.

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
1	Ensure that all staff members are checked through Ofsted
2	Continue with training programme to ensure that at least half of all child care staff hold a level 2 qualification and ensure that the required level of supervision is maintained over the lunchtime period.
4	Develop an action plan to show; how a separate base area for children under two is to be provided, how the babies are to be grouped with no more than 12 in each group, how to maintain the required space ratio when numbers vary, how to protect non-mobile babies.
12	Continue to develop a set of policies and procedures which are made accessible to parents, to include information on contact details for Ofsted and stating the fire evacuation procedure for the Club
14	Ensure that accident records are available on the premises and ensure that all records for 'incoming injuries' are signed by the parents on admission

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.