



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 02/03/2004  
Inspector Name Diane Lynn Turner

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Daisy Chain Day Nursery  
Setting Address Cinder Lane  
Heworth  
York  
YO31 7TP

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The partnership of Marlene MacLellan and Beverley Foers

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Marlene MacLellan and Beverley Foers  
Address Daisy Chain Day Nursery  
Cinder Lane  
York  
North Yorkshire  
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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

Daisy Chain Day Nursery opened in November 2001 and is privately owned. It operates from extended private premises that were previously a care home in the Heworth area of York. The premises are divided into seven areas with a separate dining room and office facilities. Very young babies are cared for in a self contained unit on the first floor. There is an enclosed outdoor play area with equipment for outdoor use.

The nursery serves the local community and surrounding areas and is registered to provide care for 50 children aged from three months to five years, 18 of whom may be under two years. There are currently 79 children on roll including 19 funded 3-year-olds and 6 funded 4-year-olds. The nursery opens from 08.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday all year round with the exception of the week between Christmas and the New Year. Children attend for a variety of sessions and the nursery supports children who have special needs and welcomes children who speak English as an additional language.

Eleven members of staff including the joint owners work directly with the children. Eight have an Early Years qualification to level 3 and the owners both have a teaching qualification, one with Early Years specialism. In addition there are two domestic staff. They receive support from the Early Years and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP) and the nursery is a member of the Day Nursery Association (DNA).

### How good is the Day Care?

Daisy Chain Day Nursery provides good quality care for children. The nursery is well organised with a high level of qualified staff who have a clear understanding of their role and work effectively together as a team. The environment is very warm and welcoming and the children are offered an excellent range of well maintained toys and play equipment.

Staff have a high level of awareness of all risks to children's health and safety. There are effective procedures to identify and minimise hazards, ensure good hygiene practices and protect children from possible abuse. Children are provided with snacks that are varied and nutritious and take into account their dietary needs and preferences.

The children's individual needs are known, understood and met by staff who have a

commitment to ensuring that all children have equal opportunities and access to activities.

An excellent range of interesting and well planned practical activities are provided. Staff support children well, extending their development and learning in all areas. Clear boundaries for behaviour are maintained by staff in age appropriate ways which help the children to behave positively.

Parents are made very welcome. Information they receive is clear, of good quality and well presented. There are effective systems in place to share information and they are kept well informed about their child's progress. All documentation is in place and used consistently with parents. It is well organised and stored securely, but very occasionally lacks detail.

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

not applicable.

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

- The nursery owners have a strong commitment to ensuring children's safety and well being and to developing and improving practices. Their ideas are communicated clearly to staff who effectively put these into practice.
- The children are cared for in a homely, inviting and colourful environment which is maintained to a high standard of safety.
- Staff present activities in an interesting and thoughtful way. They question, support and stimulate the children in their play, ensuring they are given time and good opportunities to explore and investigate.
- There is an excellent range of well maintained toys and play equipment that are easily accessed by the children and used well by staff to support children's play and learning.
- Staff are attentive and maintain clear boundaries of behaviour using methods that effectively reflect the stage of development of each group of children.
- Parents are made very welcome and staff give excellent attention to gaining and exchanging information about the children and their care.

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

- the documentation in regard to the nursery's Child Protection Policy.

#### **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
14	Ensure the existing Child Protection policy clearly details the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a staff member.

## **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.*