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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/08/2003
Inspector Name Judith Harris

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care, Creche Day Care
Setting Name Thamesmere Leisure Centre
Setting Address Thamesmere Leisure Centre, Thamesmere Drive
Thamesmead
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Greenwich Leisure Limited

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

Thamesmere Leisure centre is a purpose built leisure centre including: a swimming pool, fitness room, multi-purposes activity suite, group exercise classes, Toddler's World activity sessions, sauna and sun bed, functions, crèche and Kool Crew holiday playscheme.

The crèche operates from Monday - Saturday at various advertised times during the week. The crèche is available only for parents and guardians participating in activities in the centre. Children can be left in the crèche for a maximum of 2 hours at any one time. The crèche can be used a second time during a day providing that children are taken out of it for a minimum of 30 minutes for a break.

The Kool Crew holiday play scheme provides an all day service for children between the ages of 5-11. The total number of children attending the Kool Crew holiday play scheme including children aged eight to eleven is 60. The Kool Crew operates during school holidays between the hours of

12:30-17:00. The playscheme operates from the Thamesmere Suite and bar area.

How good is the Day Care?

The Holiday Play-scheme (HPS) and Creche provide satisfactory care for the children.

Staff in the HPS would benefit from training in a variety of areas and need to complete childcare qualifications.

The play-scheme room is organised to give lots of clear space for games and sports activities as well as tables for art activities. The creche room is organised to allow children access to activities provided. The play-scheme has a range of equipment which is used to provide the children with suitable activities; children would benefit from a wider range of creative materials. Both the creche and HPS keep records of children who attend, the creche record which activity parents will attend. There are no written policies or procedures currently available for staff or parents for the HPS and only limited range available for the creche.

The play-scheme and creche staff take appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the children. For the HPS, parents provide children with packed lunch and children are taken to use the vending machine during the session for snacks and drinks.

Children's individual health needs, special needs, cultural or religious needs or preferences are recorded on the admissions forms. Records are kept of any accidents or incidents. There is no system of gaining permission for or recording the administration of medication. Staff report any child protection concerns to the centre manager but a written procedure is not in place.

The HPS provides the children with a range of activities that include sports and games, the creche provide a range of toys and equipment for play. Staff interact well with all the children and children are encouraged to take part in activities. The HPS and creche staff have a positive and consistent approach to managing behaviour, and good behaviour is valued.

The HPS and creche staff take information about children's individual needs and give parents feedback at the end of each session.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The action agreed at the last inspection has been met, all fire exits are clear and appropriately signed.

What is being done well?

- The areas used allow children to move freely and allow children in the HPS to have personal independence.
- A range of sports equipment is available for use by the children in the HPS.
- The creche provides a range of age appropriate toys and equipment.
- Staff in both provisions provide positive consistent strategies for managing behaviour.

What needs to be improved?

- Provide suitable training and qualifications for play-scheme supervisors.
- Provide staff with written policies and procedures for all areas of the service to include an equal opportunities policy and procedure to follow if a child is lost or uncollected.
- Provide a system for obtaining written permission from parents and for keeping a written record, signed by parents, for administering medication to children.
- Provide a statement of how children with special needs can be included in the provisions and how their individual needs will be met.
- Provide a written policy and procedure for dealing with child protection issues and ensure staff have the knowledge and understanding to put policy into practice.

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

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 must take the following actions by the date shown**

Std	Action	Date
1	Person in charge of the holiday play scheme must have a relevant childcare qualification.	01/01/2004
7	Keep written records, signed by parents, of medicines given to children	15/12/2003
13	Comply with local child protection procedures approved by the Area Child Protection Committee and ensure that all adults working and looking after children in the provision are able to put the procedures into practice.	15/12/2003

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
2	Ensure that both creche and holiday play scheme have a full set of policies and procedures that form an operational plan and include child protection, equal opportunities, management of children's behaviour and children uncollected or lost on outings.
3	Ensure the range of activities in the holiday playscheme are meeting the needs of all children present. Provide a wider range of creative materials for children.
7	Keep records of any self held medication and when children administer them.
9	Provide resources that reflect positive images of all people.
10	Ensure that staff for creche and holiday play scheme have knowledge of the Code of Practice for children with special needs.

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.