Office for Standards in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	04/08/2004
Inspector Name	Elaine Marie McDonnell

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Redlands Day Nursery
Setting Address	4 Kirkleatham Street Redcar Cleveland TS10 1RE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The partnership of Mrs Janet Kidd (Proprietor)

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Mrs Janet Kidd (Proprietor)
Address	4 Kirkleatham Street Redcar Cleveland TS10 1RE

This inspection was carried out under the provisions of Part XA of the Children Act 1989, as inserted by the Care Standards Act 2000

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

Redlands Day Nursery has been in operation since 1985, it is located in the centre of Redcar close to the train station. The nursery is registered to offer full day care for up to 44 children under 8 years, however children up to eleven years are also cared for in the out of school club. There are currently 43 children on roll.

The Nursery does not provide funded places; however wrap around care is provided with children attending some local school nurseries being dropped off and collected from afternoon sessions.

The Nursery operates from 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday all year round closing only over the Christmas period.

There are eight members of staff employed to work directly with the children plus the nursery owner. One member of staff, plus the owner, is employed to work on a full time basis. Five members of staff have a childcare qualification others have recently started or will soon be starting a child care course.

How good is the Day Care?

Redlands Day Nursery provides good quality care for children. More than 50% of staff employed have a childcare qualification and some staff members have a first aid and a food hygiene certificate. Children are grouped appropriately according to their age and stage of development. There is a fully enclosed outdoor play area available, children attending the out of school club are involved in lots of outings outside of the nursery. The environment is warm and welcoming, children relate well to each other and to staff. Most toys and equipment are well maintained and activities are set out attractively and are accessible for the children. Most documentation required for the efficient and safe management of the provision is available and is periodically reviewed.

Staff are deployed effectively and are vigilant about children's safety. Staff promote regular hand washing but there was no soap available. Children receive varied and nutritious lunches and regular drinks; lunch time was observed to be a relaxed, enjoyable and social occasion. All children are included and valued and staff are aware of their individual requirements. Staff have a good understanding of child protection issues and all have recently attended an awareness raising course.

Children have easy access to a stimulating range of activities and outings that promote learning in all areas of development. Staff have a good understanding of appropriate behaviour management strategies and children are well behaved.

The setting works well in partnership with parents, they are kept informed of their child's development and progress through regular discussion or completed information sheets. One completed parent questionnaire was returned and is positive.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Excellent progress has been made since the last visit with all actions being addressed.

Risk assessments are in place for outings and forms are now completed fully.

Accident records are now completed much more fully and include parents signatures.

All staff are booked onto the next available first aid course in September.

Behaviour management policy is displayed in each room and children are supervised appropriately, resulting in better behaviour.

Effective vetting and recruitment procedures are now in place and Ofsted are informed of new staff members at the earliest opportunity.

Most documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the provision is now available on the premises, others are currently being updated.

What is being done well?

- Children are involved in a stimulating range of activities and outings that promote learning in all areas of development.
- Staff are vigilant about children's safety and most have attended 'Health and Safety in the Workplace' training.
- Staff use the accident book effectively.
- Children receive nutritious and varied lunches; lunch time was observed to be a relaxed, enjoyable and social occasion. Most staff members have a food hygiene certificate.
- Staff have a good understanding of child protection issues and have recently attended an awareness raising course.

What needs to be improved?

- the availability of a special needs statement and the inclusion of hours of attendance on registration documents.

- the ensuring of children's privacy and dignity when they use the bathroom and the availability of appropriate hand washing resources.

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
2	Ensure that the registration system includes hours of attendance.
4	Ensure that children's dignity and privacy is respected when they use the bathroom.
7	Ensure that suitable hand washing resources are available.
10	Devise and make available to parents, a written statement on special needs which is consistent with current legislation and guidance. Ensure that this is understood and implemented by all staff.

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.