



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/05/2003
Inspector Name Kathryn Margaret Clayton

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Southfield Kids Club
Setting Address Tranmoor Lane
Armthorpe
Doncaster
South Yorkshire
DN3 3BN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Southfield Kids Club

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Southfield Kids Club
Address Southfield Primary School
Tranmmor Lane
Doncaster
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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

Southfield Kids Club first opened in April 2002. It operates from a portable classroom within the grounds of Southfield Primary School in Armthorpe, an area of Doncaster. The club serves the local community.

Southfield Kids Club is registered to care for twenty-one children aged from three to under eight. There are currently sixty children on roll, including children over the age of seven years. Children with special educational needs attend the club. The facility includes a breakfast and after school club which opens from Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.00 to 9.00 and 15.30 to 18.00 during term time. A holiday playscheme operates during school holidays between the hours of 7.30 to 18.00.

Six full and part-time staff work with the children, including four who hold, or are working towards a relevant qualification. The club is committee run and receives the support of the Doncaster Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Southfield Kids Club provides satisfactory care for children aged 3 to 8 years.

Staff work well as a team to provide a friendly and welcoming environment for children. They are supported by a committee who are working towards ensuring a stable staff group following recent changes. The systems in place to ensure the smooth day to day running of the club are well organised and largely effective.

Staff and management demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of how to provide a safe environment for children. Children learn about safety through their daily routines. Key staff have undertaken training covering important issues such as child protection, first aid and food hygiene. Attention to detail with regard to recording and knowledge of some health and safety issues will further improve practice.

Staff and children plan a range of activities that are interesting and fun. Children make their own choices about what they would like to do. They show sustained interest and enjoyment, and behave very well. Good use of the indoor and outdoor environment and the well organised good quality equipment available has a positive impact on the well-being of the children.

Parents and carers are given good information about the club in the form of a parent's booklet, newsletters and displayed information. Parents are given the

opportunity to make comments about the care their child receives, and are made very welcome by staff.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is the first inspection.

What is being done well?

- Children behave very well. They are polite to each other and staff and persevere to complete activities. (Standard 11)
- The indoor environment is bright and welcoming to children. Good use is made of the available space with different areas to relax and play. (Standard 4)
- A suitable range of good quality equipment is available, for example, a number of different sized bicycles. Both indoor and outdoor activities are well catered for. (Standard 5)
- Staff and children plan interesting and varied activities, for example, glass painting and making jewellery. Children are able to have free choice and pursue their own interests. (Standard 3)
- Parents are given comprehensive information about the club, including details of some policies, and are made aware of how to complain. (Standard 12)

What needs to be improved?

- fire records, to ensure that fire drills are undertaken periodically and recorded to the satisfaction of the Fire Safety Officer; (Standard 6)
- accident records, to ensure that all accident records are signed by parents; (Standard 7)
- staff knowledge, to ensure all staff are aware of the children's dietary and medical needs. (Standard 8)

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

Std	Recommendation
6	ensure fire drills are carried out periodically and records kept to the satisfaction of the Fire Safety Officer.
7	ensure all accident records are signed by parents.
8	ensure all staff are aware of any special dietary requirements and medical needs of children.

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.