

Office for Standards in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	09/06/2003
Inspector Name	Rosemary Coburn

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Evergreen Play Association & Adventure Playground
Setting Address	Beehive Close Off Buxton Road Hackney London E8

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

Mr Arnold Mahoney

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

Evergreen Adventure Playground is situated in the London Borough of Hackney and provides supervised play to local children aged from 5-16 years.

The playground occupies an acre site and has its own purpose built play building which incorporates a large hall, a quiet room, kitchen, office and toilets.

The group operates after school and during school holidays and on Saturdays. The group openns during term times on Tuesday - Friday: 16:00 - 19;45(after Easter the Easter school holiday through to the Autumn half -term holiday) Tuesday to Friday: 16:00 -19:00 (after the Autumn half-term through to the Easter school holiday). Saturdays: 10.30 am - 17:30 During school holidays opening times are :Monday to Friday: 10am to 17:00, Saturdays: closed. The playground is registered for 24 children from the ages of 5 - 8 years. There are currently 4 permanent workers and 6 sessional workers. Over half the staff hold a childcare qualification.

The building has full disabled access.

How good is the Day Care?

Evergreen Adventure Playground provides good quality care for the children.

The organisation of the services, as well as provisions and planning is structured to ensure that activities enable children to develop well in all areas.

The setting promotes good practice and provides children with easy access to toys, games, activities and experiences which are varied and encourage the children to learn and develop through exploring their environment.

The workers promote a good relationships with the parents, and openly shares information on the children's learning and developmental needs as well as encouraging the continued involvement of parents in the provision.

All necessary safety precautions have been taken however the grassy area in the garden and around the pond is in need of some maintenance. All the relevant documents and records are in place.

What has improved since the last inspection?

All outstanding actions have been met.

What is being done well?

- The group provides an annual report and there are information leaflets as well as details on notice boards that informs parents of the operational plan of the service.
- Children relate well to adults and to each other as there was evident of team activities which provides the scope for social interaction as well as the development of physical and creative development.
- Toilets are disabled accessible and the service is organised to meet the needs of all children.
- Good range and balance of toys, materials, games and equipment to meet the needs of all children.
- Playlink inspections are carried out to check that health and safety is maintained.
- Inclusion officer in place. Service operates to provide full access to people with disabilities.
- All children are able to access at least one piece of equipment in the playground. Children with SEN or disabilities are admitted to the playground and provided with the appropriate level of support from workers.
- Records are in good order and are readily available on request. The importance of confidentiality is evident in the staffs' daily practice .

What needs to be improved?

• Grassy areas in the garden and around the pond must be adequately maintained at all times.

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
4	ensure that grassy areas are kept suitably maintained at all times.

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.