



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 28/07/2003
Inspector Name Lynn Reeves

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care, Full Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Kids Pre-School Nursery
Setting Address Delta House Units 4-6
Salterns Lane
Fareham
Hampshire
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name KIDS

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

KIDS Centre provides a range of services for children with special needs and their families. It is registered as a branch of a national charity. It is registered to provide care for 40 children aged 2 years to 8 years.

The centre provides three types of provisions which includes a nursery pre-school for children aged 2 years to 5 years, a holiday playscheme for children aged 2 years to 8 years and a saturday fun club for children aged 2 years to 8 years.

The children that attend have a variety of special needs, some have multiple disabilities.

Children are referred by parents, health departments and social services. The nursery accepts children from a wide geographical area.

Some children are transported in by mini-bus with escorts for each child.

The Nursery pre-school is registered for sessional care for a maximum of 26 children aged over 2 years and under 5 years, there are currently 30 children on the role of which 13 four year olds and 6 three year olds are in receipt of funding. The opening times are 09:30 to 12.00 noon & 13:00pm to 15.30 Monday to Friday term time only. There are 7 staff on duty at any one time, all of which are qualified and have first aid training. The group is a member of Pre-school Learning Alliance and accepts training and support from the Early Years Partnership. The playscheme is registered for full day care for a maximum of 40 children aged over 2 years and under 8 years. The opening times are 10:00 to 14:00 Monday to Friday for four weeks of the summer holidays and one week at Easter.

Children are expected to bring a packed lunch. Staff are both qualified and unqualified, students and volunteers are in attendance. All salaried staff have first aid training.

Saturday Fun Club is registered for sessional care for a maximum of 40 children aged over 2 years and under 8 years. The opening times are 09:30 to 12:30 and operates one Saturday during each month.

How good is the Day Care?

Kids Centre provides good quality care for children.

The centre has a clear management structure and the operational plan is effective to ensure the children are well cared for. There is a qualified staff team who are friendly and approachable.

The environment is warm and welcoming. The space and resources in each area are well organised and effectively used, enabling the children to move freely and gain their independence.

The children are provided with an extensive range of activities which supports their play and learning, they benefit from both structured and informal play facilities.

The staff give high priority in ensuring children's safety, however, some minor weaknesses were identified. Health and hygiene practices are promoted to ensure children are kept free from infection.

The staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination practice for all children. The culture, practice, management and deployment of resources are designed to ensure all children's needs are met.

The staff have effective methods in dealing with challenging behaviour which is successful in practice. The staff give lots of praise and encouragement and the children are well behaved.

There are routines for meal times, sleep and play. All the staff are confident and form positive relationships with parents to ensure information is shared daily about their child's progress.

All policies are clear, concise and informative, although some documentation lacks the required details.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This section not applicable as the last inspection was transitional.

What is being done well?

- The centre's aims and philosophy is fully explained to each parent, communication between staff and parents is open and honest to ensure parents are well informed of their child's progress. (Standard 2)
- The centre offers the children a warm, welcoming and friendly environment where they are made to feel happy and settled. (Standard 4)
- The activities for all age groups are well planned and resourced ensuring children's learning and progression is being extended through their play. The staff have good relationships with the children offering stimulating and sensory experiences. (Standard 3)
- Health, hygiene and safety procedures are well implemented which include a visitors book, key pads on all doors and a CCTV unit in place. (Standard 6)

- The staff work well as a team and actively promote equality of opportunity, the children feel valued as individuals which promotes their self esteem. (Standard 9)
- There is an effective partnership with parents and carers, assisted by the use of regular newsletters, notice boards, an open house policy, monitoring groups and one to one support for parents. (Standard 12)
- Effective policies and procedures in place to make staff and parents aware of child protection issues. (Standard 13)

What needs to be improved?

- children's safety regarding areas being kept free of hazards. (Standard 6)
- documentation, to ensure the times of children's arrival and departures are recorded and keep children's personal information confidential. (Standard 14)

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
6	ensure risk assessments are completed in all area's.
14	ensure children's time of arrival and departures are recorded accurately.
14	ensure children's personal information is kept confidential.

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.