



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 08/12/2004
Inspector Name Sandra Wickham

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Handsworth Primary School After School Club
Setting Address 32 Handsworth Avenue
Chingford
London
E4 9PJ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Forest YMCA of East London 02493571 803442

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Forest YMCA of East London
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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

Handsworth Primary After School Club is one of the many out of school provisions run by

Forest YMCA. It registered in 2001 and operates from Handsworth Primary School. It is situated in Walthamstow an area of Waltham Forest. A maximum of thirty-two children may attend the setting at any one time. The provision is open each weekday from 15:00 to 18:00 during term time. All children have access to a secure outdoor play area.

There are currently 16 children aged from 5 to under 8 years on roll. The provision is only for children who attend the school.

The provision employs three staff. Two of the staff, including the manager hold appropriately early years qualifications. One staff is working towards a qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Handsworth Primary After School Club provides satisfactory care for children. The group offer a welcoming environment for children's comfortable play. Staff have good relationships with children and ensure that they feel secure, although the organisation to support and encourage children's independence needs to be developed. There are a variety of resources to meet children's overall needs. Most of the records and policies are in place, except recruitment procedures were not being fully implemented with notification of staff changes and ensuring staff suitability. Also recordings of incidents did not include the necessary details.

The group has taken the necessary safety steps to reduce risks to children. Children play safely and confidently. Staffs are aware of the importance of children's health and hygiene, with the exception of attending a Food Hygiene course. The group operates an inclusive working environment for all children.

The group have a comprehensive child protection policy which staff need to develop a working knowledge of. The staff build up positive relationships with children, and they manage children's behaviour using positive methods to aid their development.

Staff have a professional relationship with parents and there is a good daily exchange of information. There are systems in place for sharing information with parents about their children's development.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable

What is being done well?

- Staff have a good understanding of equality issues and a commitment to an inclusive environment for all parents and children.
- Staff have a good understanding of management of behaviour that takes account of children's age and stage of development.
- Staff have good relationships with parents. They work together to ensure consistency in the children's care.

What needs to be improved?

- the notification of significant changes to Ofsted and the systems to ensure the suitability of staff
- systems to show how staff are provided with opportunities to achieve senior positions and attend food hygiene training
- the organization of activities to support children's independence.
- the systems for maintaining information of accidents occurring off the premises and staff knowledge and understanding of child protection.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

Not applicable

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	Update the procedures for notifying Ofsted with notification of significant changes, including staff changes.	28/01/2005

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
2	Develop an action plan to show how staff are provided with opportunities to achieve a level 3 qualification
2	Improve the organisation of activities for children prior to snack time, to support their independence
8	Develop an action plan to show how at least one member of staff will have the opportunity to attend Food Hygiene training
13	Improve staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues

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.