



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 18/02/2004
Inspector Name Moyra McCarthy

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Ashfield Play Care Scheme
Setting Address The Lammas Compound
Lammas Road
Sutton-in-Ashfield
Nottinghamshire
NG17 2AD

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Ashfield Play Care Scheme 1047469

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

Ashfield Play Care Scheme (after school and holiday playscheme) has been registered since 1996. It operates from a purpose built single storey unit with a large secure outdoor play area in Sutton in Ashfield and serves the town and surrounding communities.

It is open throughout the year offering after school care Monday to Friday 15:00 to 18:00 and during school holidays Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00.

All staff working with the children hold or are working towards childcare qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Ashfield Play Care Scheme provides good quality care for children.

Effective use is made of indoor and outdoor space to provide scope for active play and rest. A well-maintained and balanced range of toys, equipment and play materials are provided to help support children's interest and keep them well stimulated. Training is ongoing to ensure all staff hold qualifications relevant to their posts. Policies, procedures and records to are in place, well organised, and generally up to date. Participation in external quality assurance programmes indicates a commitment to continued improvement.

High priority is given to keeping children safe, through good supervision and effective measures to ensure the premise is secure. Good hygiene practices are in place which staff and children confidently follow. Nutritious snacks help promote healthy eating and take account of children's individual needs. Staff demonstrate that they have a basic knowledge of child protection issues and are generally aware of procedures for promoting equality of opportunity.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Since the last inspection several actions relating to documentation have been addressed, contributing to improved clarity for procedures and raising awareness of practice for parents.

What is being done well?

- The effective use of the premise provides a safe, secure environment, with scope for a range of indoor and outdoor activities where children can play, relax and receive good levels of supervision.
- A varied range of play materials, planned activities and routines help children feel settled and confident in their environment. Staff spend time playing and talking to them, helping them develop ideas to promote their choices of play. Children often show enjoyment and sustained interest in the activities when playing alone or with their peers.
- Parents are kept well informed about the setting and their children, through comprehensive written documentation, notice boards and attractive displays of children's work. Photographs and play plans keep them informed of the children's participation in activities.

What needs to be improved?

- documentation with reference to developing the behaviour management and child protection policies
- staff knowledge of equal opportunity issues.

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 |
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| 9 | develop staff's knowledge and understanding of equal opportunities issues. |
| 14 | develop policies to include the procedure for bullying, and current child protection procedures. |

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.