



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 10/11/2004
Inspector Name Judith Chinnery

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Cherry Tree Day Nursery & Kidz Club
Setting Address 17 Holmwood Drive
New Parks
Leicester
Leicestershire
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Yazmin Jayne Chadwick and Mr Steven Chadwick

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Apple Tree Day Nursery
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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

Cherry Tree Day Nursery opened in January 2004. It operates from a converted house situated on the border of the city and county of Leicestershire, close to New Parks, Glenfield and County Hall. Children are cared for in five rooms according to their age: babies are situated downstairs, while toddlers and pre-school children have the use of upstairs. The out-of-school club for older children is in a separate room at the side.

There are currently 43 children from birth to eight years on roll. This includes seven funded three-year-olds and two funded four-year-olds. The nursery supports children with special educational needs and four children who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens five days a week, all year round. Sessions are from 07:30 until 18:00. Children can attend for a variety of sessions, including half-days.

There are 13 members of staff working with the children, of these, four work part-time. There are six members of staff who have early years' qualifications and five staff currently on training programmes. The nursery also works with Sure Start and the Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative. They receive support from a mentor teacher from the Leicester City Early Years' Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Cherry Tree Day Nursery provides good care for children. Staff work well together to organise available space so that children can move and play freely. Families are warmly welcomed into the nursery, where children's work is attractively displayed. Resources are plentiful and used well to support children's play and learning across all areas. Records are well kept, accurate and up-to-date, contributing effectively to the safe and efficient running of the setting. However, during meal times staff are sometimes engaged in other tasks, making the time less enjoyable for the children.

Children's safety is carefully managed, particularly when using the stairs. Good hygiene practices are in place, such as the regular washing of hands to prevent the spread of infection. Children have access to fresh drinking water at all times. Meals are healthy and nutritious and meet the dietary needs of all children. Equality of opportunity is promoted effectively; staff know children well and are committed to

meeting children's individual needs and include them in all activities. Staff have a sound working knowledge of local area child protection guidelines.

Children have access to a wide variety of activities including sand and water. Activities are appropriate for the age and stage of the children and staff encourage them to learn and develop good skills in most areas of their development. However, staff do not always use the information from assessments to plan activities which build on what children already know and what they need to do next. Children form warm and close relationships with each other and staff. Their behaviour is good. Staff are consistent and set clear boundaries, kindly reinforcing acceptable behaviour with gentle reminders.

Parents are well informed about the nursery and their child's care. They enjoy good relationships with staff who endeavour to provide care according to parents' wishes and which meets the needs of the children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

n/a

What is being done well?

- Children can play and move freely in the available space, which is organised well by staff.
- Children and parents are warmly welcomed into the nursery, which is well decorated and where children's work is attractively displayed.
- Children's safety is generally managed well, particularly on the stairs, where staff supervise all children closely and ensure gates are kept closed.
- Good partnerships with parents ensure that children receive care which takes account of their individual needs.

What needs to be improved?

- the organisation of meal times
- systems for using assessment records to inform plans for what children need to do next.

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.)

Since April 2004, Ofsted has received three complaints about the nursery. In the first complaint, allegations were made about: the suitability of sleeping arrangements for a baby, under standard six: safety; the suitability and quality of toys, under standard three: care and education; and the suitability of food menus and the arrangements for preparing and cooking meals, under standards one: suitable person; standard

seven: health and hygiene, and under standard eight: food and drink. A visit was made to the setting to investigate these concerns. The inspector was satisfied that there was no breach of National Standards and took no further action.

In the second complaint, allegations were made about the number of accidents to a child and the way in which staff dealt with these under standard two: organisation and under standard six: safety. The nursery was asked to respond to these concerns by letter, which was then considered by a senior inspector. It was agreed that there was no breach of National Standards and no further action was taken.

The third and most recent complaint relates to concerns raised about an accident to a child injuring their elbow on a radiator and the staff's response to the parent. Ofsted asked the nursery to investigate this under standard 6: safety, standard 12: partnership with parents, and standard 14: documentation and to respond in writing. A senior inspector was satisfied with the nursery's response and that there was no breach of National Standards and no further action was taken.

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
2	Review and reorganise meal times for children to ensure their needs are being met fully and that the experience is enjoyable.
3	Ensure that information about individual children's progress is used effectively to build on what children know and need to do next.

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.