



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	04/01/2005
Inspector Name	Sharon Woodrow

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Creche Day Care
Setting Name	Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre
Setting Address	Forest Hall Road Stansted Essex CM24 8TZ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Leisure Connection Ltd
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Leisure Connection Ltd
Address	PO Box 5666 Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princes Way Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK2 2WT

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

Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre Crèche is one of three local Crèches run by Leisure Connection Ltd.

It opened in 2003 and operates from one room in a purpose-built leisure centre building. It is situated on the outskirts of Stansted near Stansted airport.

A maximum of 20 children may attend the Crèche at any one time.

The centre is open each weekday from 09.30 to 11.30 all year round.

All children have access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 84 children aged from six weeks to under five years on roll.

Children come from a wide area to use the leisure facilities.

The centre would support children with special educational needs.

The crèche employs three staff, two of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre provides satisfactory care for children.

The crèche environment indoors and outdoors is attractive and welcoming to children

and is organised to meet the needs of the children effectively although the range of equipment needs to be extended to fulfil all age groups and developmental area's. Records, policies and procedures appear to be effective in the running of the group, although policies for the administration of medication and the exclusion of children who are ill must be in place alongside a way of recording administered medication.

The staff ensure children are supervised at all times to reduce the risk of accidents. Drinking water is located in the crèche although must be made available for children to help themselves. Children's differences are valued and respected although toys and equipment which promote equality of opportunity must be provided for children.

The staff are aware of their responsibilities regarding child protection.

The staff support children which enables them to gain confidence at their own pace.

The children are regularly read stories and adults are interested in what children say and respond with enthusiasm. The setting supports children with special needs and positive behaviour management strategies are implemented which promote children's good behaviour.

The staff have good relationships with parents and ensure they are kept informed about their child's session. If children are upset or distressed parents are informed during their leisure activities immediately.

What has improved since the last inspection?

First inspection since registration.

What is being done well?

- The staff support children which enables them to gain confidence at their own pace and grow in self esteem.
- The children are regularly read stories which promotes early reading skills
- The adults are interested in what children say and respond with enthusiasm
- The group supports children with special needs which enables parents to take part in leisure activities while feeling secure about their child's care.
- The staff have good relationships with parents, they are kept informed about their child's session, which ensures effective communication between staff and parents.

What needs to be improved?

- the toys and equipment that promote equality of opportunity.
- the policy regarding the administration of medication and the exclusion of children who are ill
- the toys and equipment
- the recording of administered medication
- the accessibility of drinking water

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.)

There are no complaints to report.

Outcome of the inspection
Satisfactory

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION
<i>All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.</i>
<i>As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.</i>

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection										
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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.