



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	07/03/2005
Inspector Name	Mark Evans

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Milky Way Day Nursery
Setting Address	68 Corporation Road Leicester Leicestershire LE4 5PW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Milky Way Day Nursery 5132244
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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

The Milky Way Day Nursery first opened in August 2004. It operates from a converted house off Abbey Lane in the city of Leicester. The children's accommodation is within three purpose group rooms and the facilities also include a kitchen, staff room, office, toilet/wash/changing areas and an enclosed outdoor play area.

The nursery is open from 07:45 to 17:45 each weekday for 52 weeks of the year and is registered to receive up to 28 children under 8 years. Children may attend on a full-time or sessional basis and there are 21 on roll at present. The children represent a range of social and cultural backgrounds. The nursery supports children with special needs and has no children currently attending for whom English is an additional language.

There are six nursery staff, of whom four have level three qualifications, one has a level two qualification and is working towards a level three qualification and one who is working towards a level two qualification. They work with the children in separate age groups. The nursery offers funded education places to eligible children and receives support from an early years mentor teacher.

How good is the Day Care?

Milky Way Day Nursery provides good care for children. The premises are welcoming to children and parents and are maintained to a good standard. Staffing ratios are well organised to provide good levels of adult support. The setting has a satisfactory range of equipment for children's care, play and learning opportunities. Most records are up-to-date and documents are informative and organised well.

Written risk assessments provide very effective arrangements for maintaining a safe environment and visitors to the nursery are all vetted although security of main entrance is not yet fully effective. Staff have knowledge of first aid and there are clear procedures for dealing with accidents and for the administration of medication. The setting has a written policy for child protection and the staff have good knowledge of related issues. Staff encourage children to adopt personal hygiene practices within their routines to maintain good health. Children's meals provide them with a varied and healthy diet and staff account for any individual dietary needs of children.

The children's curriculum is planned and provides good opportunities for their play and learning. The staff have positive relationships with the children which helps to foster co-operative attitudes. Children's behaviour is managed positively, using praise and encouragement to promote good behaviour and self esteem. There are resources and activities that promote diversity. There is appropriate support for children identified with special needs.

Staff have a positive, constructive approach towards working in partnership with parents. Their excellent methods of communicating gives sound opportunities for staff and parents to share and exchange information to support the continuity of care. Confidential records are kept in order to have relevant contact details, to meet the individual care needs of children and to agreed parental consent for any other aspects are in place.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Partnership with parents is excellent; children are looked after according to parent's wishes, staff are welcoming and they provide very good written and verbal information to help with the continuity of care.
- The operational plan works well in practice and guides effective procedures for the organisation of the setting, including staff induction, deployment and development.
- The staff group work well as a team, having delegated responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of the setting and in supporting each other to provide an effective care and learning environment for young children.

What needs to be improved?

- records for medication
- security of main entrance area.

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	Make sure that premises are secure with regard to main entrance area so that children are unable to leave them unsupervised.
7	Ensure that all written records of medicines given to children are signed by the parent.

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.