



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name Emneth Nursery School
Setting Address Hollycroft Road
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Emneth Nursery School

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

Emneth Nursery School was registered as a Neighbourhood Nursery in 2004. It operates from purpose-built premises, located in Emneth, next to the local primary school. Also on site are crèche facilities in a mobile for a total of 16 children. The crèche does not operate during school holidays. The mobile premises are sometimes hired by other organisations when not in use by the Neighbourhood Nursery.

There are currently 39 children aged from nought to eight years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports a small number of children with special needs who may be over five years of age. No children who speak English as an additional language currently attend.

Emneth Nursery School opens Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 18.00 for 48 weeks a year. Eleven members of staff work with the children receiving day care. All but two members of staff have appropriate qualifications. These two members of staff are to commence qualifying training in the near future. A cook, administrator and site manager also work within the setting.

The Neighbourhood Nursery provides support to the local community, offering facilities for training. The local Sure Start office is also on site.

How good is the Day Care?

Emneth Nursery School provides good quality care for children. An attractive, stimulating environment is created in the well-organised facility generating a warm welcome. Staff are almost all qualified and experienced, and an effective key worker system operates, which ensures children feel secure and confident in their care. Toys and equipment are of high quality and appropriately promote all areas of development throughout the provision. Induction for the new staff team has helped them to work effectively together.

Staff are effectively deployed, clear hygiene procedures are in place and potential risks are generally assessed to ensure children are cared for in a safe environment. Children are learning good hygiene practices through the daily routine, and are well nourished by the excellent meals prepared on the premises, but fresh drinking water is not easily available to all children. Children with special needs are fully included and the provision is able to offer specialist help for children with speech and

language difficulties. Some of the documentation relating to medical procedures is not in place.

Emneth Earlies provides a range of stimulating activities for the youngest children attending and babies are very secure and happy in their individual routines. Two and three-year-olds in Discoveries are provided with many interesting and fun play opportunities in which they are eager to take part. In Sunsets, children are very confident and well-occupied by the wide range of activities. The continuous provision enables all children to play indoors, or out, throughout the day and the individual needs of the children are met. They are well behaved responding to clear guidelines and adult role models. Staff are calm, kind and fully involved in children's learning.

Home visits, clear information provided and the key worker system ensures parents are well-informed. They value the way children are able to develop at their own pace and the patience of staff.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The organisation of the activities through effective continuous provision. Children are able to make choices regarding activities, and indoor or outdoor play, throughout the day.
- They key worker system operates effectively throughout the setting, to ensure children receive continuity of care, settle quickly and feel secure in the consistent care given. Positive relationships are in place. Staff are attentive, sit at the children's level, offer support and become involved in activities. They have clear roles and responsibilities and evaluate activities effectively to enable them to plan for the next steps in children's learning.
- Furniture and equipment, made from a variety of materials, create a stimulating environment in which children can play, eat or sleep in comfort. Babies have a separate, quiet sleep room and milk kitchen. The premises are child-centred and welcoming to children and parents.
- Children are provided with very nutritious snacks and meals. All meals are prepared on the premises by a qualified cook. Fresh ingredients are obtained locally and children enjoy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. Mealtimes are enjoyable, social occasions when staff eat with the children and conversations are encouraged. Babies are bottle-fed in comfort.

What needs to be improved?

- the documentation with regard to the administration of medicines to ensure parents acknowledge the entry once medicine has been administered and the consent obtained to seek emergency medical advice or treatment

- the opportunity for children to access fresh drinking water all times
- daily risk assessments.

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
7	Obtain consent from parents to seek emergency medical advice and treatment if necessary in the future and ensure they sign to acknowledge the administration of medicines.
8	Make sure fresh drinking water is available to children at all times.
10	Develop the daily risk assessments to ensure all potential hazards, for example garden tools, are identified and risks minimised.

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.