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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 24/02/2005
Inspector Name Catherine Greene

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Oasis Children's Nature Garden
Setting Address Corner of Larkhall Lane & Studley Road
London
SW4 2SP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Oasis Children's Venture 2757764 1019626

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Oasis Children's Venture
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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

Oasis Children's Venture Environmental Project, is part of the Oasis Children's Venture, which operates three sites, providing open access schemes, in close proximity to each other in Stockwell.

Oasis Children's Venture is managed by a management committee, who employ a director to manage the three schemes. Each of the three schemes has a site manager, who has day to day responsibility for each site.

The Environmental Project operates an open access scheme from 15.30 - 17.30 Monday to Friday during term time, and on Saturdays and during school holidays from 10.00 -12noon and 14.00 -16.00 . The project provides art and craft activities inside and free play and gardening activities outside.

The project is situated in a residential area in Stockwell and operates from an enclosed outdoor area, with an enclosed pond area and a small indoor space. It serves children and young people from the surrounding area.

The age range catered for is 5- 16 year olds, registration will be for eight children aged five to eight years. The maximum number of children in the age range catered for during any session is usually 20. The project operates a one adult to fifteen children ratio for children aged over eight and intends to operate a one adult to eight children for under eights.

How good is the Day Care?

Oasis Nature Garden provides good childcare for children aged between 5 and 8 years.

They are an established open access setting who are in their first year of registration for the 5-8 year olds. They work closely with other agencies looking at ways to improve and develop the quality of the whole service they provide to the community.

Staff are experienced and this has a positive impact on children's well being and development. Staff work very well as a team supporting local children and families. The individual commitment of the manager and staff is evident in the interaction with children that is warm and caring. Staff give high priority to ensuring children are safe both inside and outside the garden, daily safety checks are carried out and children are supervised at all times in the outside facilities. Regular meetings are held to

ensure a consistent approach to the running of the garden, priority is given for staff to attend regular training sessions to update their skills and knowledge with priority given to child protection.

An interesting programme of activities are on offer and children are encouraged to make their own choices about play and learning. The children have produced some very good work that is on display throughout the project including their award winning African models and masks. Commitment to an inclusive service ensures that the needs of all children are met.

Good progress has been made in developing the operational plan that covers key aspects of the service.

Parental involvement is limited because of the open access nature of the scheme however their input is valued and encouraged this ensures children settle well and receive continuity of care.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is the first inspection since registration.

What is being done well?

- Progress has been made to develop the operational plan including updated policies and procedures that are in line with the national Standards.
- A high level of consideration is given to the welfare and development of all children.

What needs to be improved?

- To develop and implement an action plan that sets out how supervisors will achieve a level 3 qualification

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	develop and implement an action plan that sets out how supervisors will achieve a level 3 qualification

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.