



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 24/01/2005
Inspector Name Lynn Denise Smith

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Nannas Neighbourhood Nursery
Setting Address Hazelmere Infant School
Hawthorn Avenue
Colchester
Essex
CO4 3JP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The partnership of Nannas Nursery

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Nannas Nursery
Address 5 Pathfields Road
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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

Nannas Neighbourhood Nursery is one of two nurseries run by Nannas Nursery. It opened in 2004 and operates from a purpose built, demountable building, within the grounds of a local Primary School. A maximum of 50 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 08:00 to 18:00 throughout the year. All children share access to a secure outdoor play area.

There are currently 62 children aged from birth to eight years on roll. Of these 19 children receive funding for nursery education. Children come from a wide catchment area. The nursery supports a small number of children with special needs and also supports a small number of children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery employs nine staff. Six of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications Three staff are working towards a qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Nannas Neighbourhood Nursery provides good quality care for children.

This is the nursery's first inspection since registration. The staff team has grown and stabilised. The owners and managers effectively manage this and another nursery in the North Essex area. The premises are bright and welcoming and have been organised to ensure the children's needs are well met. Staff are well deployed enabling children to be cared for in a safe and caring environment. A good range of toys and play equipment is presented at the children's height and clearly labelled, encouraging independence and self confidence. The owners have plans to develop learning opportunities in the outdoor area and are working with Sure Start and local museums to design a fun and interesting area. Records are kept in accordance with the National Standards.

Staff are very aware of health and safety issues and complete daily checks to ensure the nursery is a safe environment. Children's health and welfare are of paramount importance and the children's dietary needs are well met, although there are plans to extend the range of food offered at mealtimes. Staff are made aware of the children's individual needs and work closely with parents to ensure the children are happy and well settled. Staff organise activities around a number festivals throughout the year, providing children with the opportunity to develop an

understanding of other peoples cultures. Staff are aware of child protection procedures and have the most recent written publications available.

Children are provided with an interesting and stimulating range of activities. Staff monitor the children's progress and plan for their next individual stage of development. Children are able to make choices over their play in an orderly and exciting environment. Creative opportunities are very child-led and the children's achievements are beautifully displayed on the walls and ceilings.

Staff have developed a good relationship with parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- A very good range of toys and activities are available to children, the toys are accessible and well labelled, encouraging the children's independence and self selection skills.
- The nursery building is bright and attractive; the large playroom has been partitioned effectively to provide a smaller home base area for the younger children.
- A very good range of toys and play equipment is available to the children; this includes a selection of resources which reflect equal opportunities.

What needs to be improved?

- the learning experiences in the outdoor area.

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

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
4	Continue to develop the learning opportunities within the outdoor area.

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.