



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 18/08/2003  
Inspector Name Zoe Smith

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care  
Setting Name Playmates Fun Club  
Setting Address Lower Fold  
Marple Bridge  
Stockport  
Cheshire  
SK6 5DU

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Jill Diane Drabble

### 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

Playmates Fun Club is based at Ludworth School in the Marple Bridge district of Stockport, it provides out of school care for up to 32 children aged between four and 11 years. The group provides a service for children who attend Ludworth Primary School during term-time and is open to all children during school holidays. It is open from 8:00 to 08:50 and 15:15 to 18:00 every weekday during term-time only and from 08:30 to 17:30 during all school holidays, except Christmas. There are close links between the group and the school.

Jill Drabble is the Registered Person and Manager and takes responsibility for the day-to-day running, management and organisation of the group. She is assisted by five members of staff.

The premises are a demountable classroom building within the school grounds. Accommodation comprises of a group room which is divided into different types of play and activity areas. The group has use of another classroom and toilet facilities both of which are in different buildings and are accessed via the outdoor play area. Children are able to participate in physical and outdoor play activities in the school playground.

There is a no smoking policy throughout the premises.

### How good is the Day Care?

Playmates Fun Club provides satisfactory care for children aged between four and eight years.

Three members of staff have and three are working towards gaining a recognised childcare qualification, all have a current first aid certificate. Staff are deployed well, they play an active role in encouraging, supporting and facilitating the children's play. Most policies and procedures are in place. The premises and outdoor play area are used creatively to provide an interesting and welcoming play environment. During its operation the group usually have sole use of the premises. Children confidently choose from the wide variety of good quality toys, equipment and activities provided.

Most areas for safety and health are satisfactory. Staff implement procedures and precautions to promote hygiene and the children's health and safety. Equality of opportunity is promoted through resources and activities. The group participate in

Stockport's Sharecare Scheme to provide holiday care places for children with special needs.

The children's day is planned to provide a wide variety of activities that reflect children are spending their leisure time at the group. Children are interested in, enjoy and enthusiastically participate in their play and activities. The group has a positive approach to managing children's behaviour, children have good relationships with each other and staff and they behave well.

The group works in partnership with and has good relationships with parents, verbal feedback is given on how a child has spent his/her day.

### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

At the last inspection five actions were agreed with the group to further improve practice.

A risk assessment of the premises to identify actions to be taken to minimize risks has taken place, however the group has since moved rooms.

One fire drill has been carried out and recorded.

Forms to maintain a written record of medication administered have been introduced, however a written medication policy has not been developed.

A sick children's policy has been formalised.

Child protection procedures which comply with the local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) procedures have been formalised.

### **What is being done well?**

- Staff actively encourage, support and facilitate the children's play and activities. Children and staff interact well together and have good relationships with each other.
- There is a strong emphasis on children spending their leisure time and having fun at the group. Children confidently make decisions and choices from the wide variety of good quality toys, equipment and activities. They are interested in, enjoy and enthusiastic about their play.
- Consistent and positive methods are used to manage behaviour; staff praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements. Children respond well to each other and staff, and they behave well.
- The group work in partnership with and have good relationships with parents, who are regularly given feedback about their child and the group, their opinions and preferences are actively sought.

### **What needs to be improved?**

- The written procedures to demonstrate what action will be taken in the event of a child becoming lost or not being collected.
- The operating procedures to ensure that minimum registration standards are met in respect of sole access, spatial requirements, security and toilet facilities when the Football Coaching Scheme use the premises and operate at the same time.
- Risk assessments of the premises to identify potential risks and action to be taken to minimise risks.
- Written medication administration procedures to demonstrates the groups policy on medication and procedures to be followed when medication is administered.
- The written complaints procedure to include the address and telephone number of the regulator.

### Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

### 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	Formalise written procedures for lost and uncollected children.
4	Develop and implement an action plan that sets out how minimum registration standards will be met in respect of sole access, spatial requirements, security and toilet facilities when other groups use the premises and operate at the same time.
6	Conduct a risk assessment on the premises identifying action to be taken to minimize identified risks.
7	Formalise a written medication administration policy.
12	Include Ofsted's address and telephone number in the complaints procedure.

## **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.*