



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 08/08/2003
Inspector Name Christine Clint

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Pied Piper Activites Limited
Setting Address Great Ballard School
Chichester
West Sussex
PO18 0LR

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Pied Piper Activities Ltd 3343058

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

Pied Piper Holiday Activities Ltd have been registered at Great Ballard School in Eartham since 1995 and are part of a group of holiday activity schemes operating in the south east. Specific areas of the school are used during the summer holidays for art and craft, drama, swimming and sports. The pool is situated in an enclosed area and outdoor sports and team games take place in the extensive grounds. The holiday activities are available from Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5.45 pm for approx. 4 weeks during the summer holidays.

How good is the Day Care?

Pied Piper Activities Ltd provide satisfactory care for children. The premises offer ample space and resources and staff are dedicated; a good balance of adult: child ratios is maintained. Staff are enthusiastic, they welcome children and parents, however there is no evidence to show that staff have completed clearances including criminal records checks. The majority of documentation is appropriate, although there is no procedure for lost or uncollected children. OFSTED contact details are not included in the complaints procedure for parents and statements in place for serious injury or disease do not include notifying OFSTED.

Safety is promoted in the provision and emergency plans for fire and accident are in place; there are balanced routines for health and hygiene. Supportive measures are included for children who have special dietary needs and staff are committed to protecting children.

Activities are planned and children are grouped according to age, however individual needs are considered and routines adapted, especially for children with special needs. Staff are motivated and involved, they apply equal opportunities to all activities.

Strategies for managing behaviour are sensible and parents and children are well informed.

There is sufficient information available for parents and the camp director greets them daily.

What has improved since the last inspection?

N/A

What is being done well?

- The variety of activities and staff commitment and involvement, especially the enthusiasm for team games.
- The use of space and resources to give children ample opportunities, including regular swimming.
- The strategies for managing behaviour are sensible, staff have an open attitude.

What needs to be improved?

- the evidence to show that staff have completed clearances, including criminal records checks;
- a written procedure for lost or uncollected children;
- the procedures for accidents must include notifying OFSTED;
- the procedures for infectious diseases must include notifying OFSTED;
- the complaints procedure must contain contact details of OFSTED.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
2	must develop and implement a procedure for lost or uncollected children	20/07/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
1	must ensure that there is evidence to prove that those caring for, or having regular contact with children have submitted to a vetting procedure which includes criminal records check.
7	should include procedures for notifying OFSTED of serious injury or death and of notifying any infectious diseases.
12	should ensure that the written complaints procedure includes the address and telephone number of the regulator.

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.