



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 14/03/2005
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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Little Tinklers Nursery Ltd
Setting Address Tinklers Yard, Tinklers Bank
Corbridge
Northumberland
NE45 5SB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Little Tinklers Nursery Ltd 05055248

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

Little Tinklers Day Nursery opened in 2004.

It is a purpose built setting located in the village of Corbridge. There are rail and bus links and car parking. The setting is registered for 64 under 5 of whom no more than 24 may be under 2.

The setting comprises of a large play room which is divided to ensure children are never in groups of more than 26. There is a separate room for babies, although this is visible from the play room so that links are maintained between older and younger children. There is a separate sleep room. The setting has staff and toilet facilities. There is access to an outdoor play area, which also has a rabbit and a guinea pig in hutches.

The setting receives support from the local authority advisors. The staff team consists of a manager, a deputy and eleven nursery staff, all staff are suitably qualified.

How good is the Day Care?

Little Tinklers Nursery provides good quality care for children. They offer a warm and welcoming environment where children are happy and feel secure through good adult support and an appropriate and well thought out daily routine. Space and resources are very well organised. Good attention is given to meeting children's individual needs.

Children's safety is promoted throughout the nursery, safety precautions are reviewed regularly and weaknesses acted upon.

The group is very well resourced, giving children access to a wide range of toys and equipment, which provide a balanced range of activities promoting children's individual development and learning in all areas. Careful planning and reviewing enables an ongoing programme of activities to be provided that keep children interested and challenged. Children are happy, settled and fully occupied in their play. Interaction between staff members and the children is warm and caring. Children's behaviour is managed in an appropriate and consistent manner, with staff providing good role models.

The staff have undertaken further training ensuring they remain fully aware of

current procedures and childcare strategies. Records are kept in an organised manner including records of attendance. Confidentiality of information gained is respected and fully maintained in most areas.

Positive relationships with parents have been developed. The group actively promotes the sharing of information and keeps parents informed of their children's development on a daily basis both verbally and within the children's individual diaries.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The organisation of the provision is effective, leading to the appropriate deployment of staff, good use of the nursery environment and a detailed and well thought out range of policies and procedures.
- There is a good range of well planned activities available to meet the individual needs of the children. The movement of children between the age groups is carried out effectively, good support is given, allowing children the opportunities for challenge and development, whilst feeling confident and guided by familiar staff.
- The relationship developed between the staff and the children is warm and caring, children receive constant warm physical interaction and verbal praise and encouragement.
- The premises is of a very high standard giving a light, clean and well decorated environment, which is further enhanced by the effective displaying of the children's work.
- The provision promotes safety throughout its care of children, ensuring that policies and procedures are appropriate, up to date and regularly reviewed. Precautions, where required are put in place to reduce risks to the children.

What needs to be improved?

- the written policy outlining the procedure to be followed should a child be uncollected
- the formatting of the accident and medication book to allow confidentiality to be fully maintained
- the use of protective clothing by staff when changing nappies.

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
2	Ensure that a written policy is in place outlining the procedure to be followed should a child be uncollected.
7	Ensure that the medication and accident book are formatted to allow confidentiality to be maintained.
7	Ensure that all staff wear appropriate protective clothing when changing nappies.

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.