



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	06/05/2004
Inspector Name	Elaine Simmons

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Lindfield Montessori Nursery School
Setting Address	Lindfield Montessori Nursery School The Cricket Pavilion, Lindfield Common Lindfield West Sussex RH16

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Carole Benson
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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

Lindfield Montessori caters for 26 children between two years and under five years during term times. It meets in the modern cricket pavilion on Lindfield Common and serves the village of Lindfield and the surrounding area. It provides a structured, modified Montessori curriculum. There are seven members of staff and the proprietor who works partly at this group and partly at her other Montessori nurseries. Five of these staff are qualified, one is finishing her training and one is due to start training.

How good is the Day Care?

The Day Nursery provides good quality care for children. Staff are proactive in obtaining relevant training. They are friendly and welcoming to parents and children who respond to them in a positive and confident manner. The premises are clean, safe and suitable for the purpose. Children are offered a wide range of toys and equipment to give them enjoyment and to help their development. Most paperwork is up to date and in order.

The premises are safe and secure. Staff have a clear understanding of health and safety requirements and ensure children are safe at all times. They offer children healthy, nutritious snacks and drinks. They are aware of children's individual needs and work with parents to provide the care they require. Children's individuality is valued and staff are proactive in ensuring children's needs are met, helping them develop at their own pace. All child protection requirements are understood.

Children are offered a varied range of activities and play experiences to help them learn and to give them confidence. Staff have good behaviour management techniques, they use positive reinforcement, distraction, praise and encouragement to help children achieve the required behaviour.

Parents are given good information about the Nursery, in the welcome pack, when children start and by regular newsletters and on the notices displayed. Parents evenings are arranged to allow parents to socialise and to discuss with staff their child's progress. Staff are available to talk to parents, at any time about any concerns they may have about their child.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The staff were asked to obtain written permission from parents for emergency medical treatment and advice in advance - parents have signed forms giving their permission ensuring the children's wellbeing.

What is being done well?

- The staff provide a stimulating range of activities, play experiences, toys and equipment for the children, to give them enjoyment and to help them make progress in all areas.
- The staff display a clear understanding of health and safety issues, they take positive steps to ensure children are safe at all times.
- The staff are aware of children's individual needs, they value their individuality, work with parents and other professionals, to promote children's welfare and to help them develop in all areas.
- The staff work with parents to provide the type of care they require and ensure parents are kept informed of their child's progress at all times.

What needs to be improved?

- The recording of staff attendance in the daily attendance register.

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 there is a system for registering staff attendance on a daily basis showing hours of attendance.

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.