



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 17/11/2004
Inspector Name Judith, Mary Horsfall

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care, Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Brookbank Private Day Nursery
Setting Address 239 Mottram Road
Hyde
Cheshire
SK14 2PE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Treetops Nurseries Limited 2538184

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

Brookbank Private Day Nursery is part of the Treetops Nurseries Ltd group. It is situated in a large, converted 19th century listed building in Hyde, close to the motorway network.

The nursery was acquired by the Treetops Group in 2003, but it had been established prior to the purchase.

The nursery is registered to provide day care for 116 children, aged from birth to eight years, in ten individual rooms depending on age and ability.

The nursery is also registered to provide care for a further 12 children in the before and after school and holiday club.

The nursery offers funded nursery education. There are currently 33 funded children on roll.

The nursery is open from 07:30 to 18:15 Monday to Friday all year apart from bank holidays and Christmas.

The children's rooms are spread over three floors. There is an office, reception area, kitchen, staff room and toilets. There is a secure outside play area with hard and soft play surfaces.

The person in charge has a professional child care qualification, as do over 80% of the staff team.

This registration does not include overnight care.

How good is the Day Care?

Brookbank Private Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children.

The staff organise time and resources to include a variety of consistent routines, play activities and learning opportunities. As a result, children are generally settled and secure in the environment and mostly relate well to the staff.

There is a range of age appropriate toys and some interesting creative activities available to promote children's imagination and creativity. The nursery have agreed

to develop the supplies of resources and activities which promote equal opportunities.

Some staff spend time talking and listening to children to help them learn and develop their language skills but some members of staff are unsure of various play plans, policies and procedures. The staff are aware of individual children's needs and preferences.

The premises are generally safe and secure and the environment is child centred with children's artwork displayed on the walls. Some safety and hygiene issues are to be addressed. A healthy diet is provided for the children. Dietary needs and preferences are taken into consideration. Behaviour is managed in an age appropriate way and staff use praise and encouragement with the children.

The nursery has positive relationships with parents and exchanges information daily about the children's progress and welfare. There are also newsletters and notice boards. Most documentation is in place, although some minor improvements are needed in the complaints and child protection procedures.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The registration system is very detailed.
- A healthy diet is provided and children's individual needs are taken into consideration.
- Communication with parents is managed via various methods; newsletters, notice boards and written records.
- The building is brightly decorated with colourful displays and children's art work.

What needs to be improved?

- resources and activities which promote equality of opportunity, particularly in the areas of gender and disability
- areas of safety and hygiene such as outdoor hazards, minimising infection risks and the cleanliness of soft furnishings
- staff awareness and implementation of various policies and procedures, including child protection and behaviour management
- the complaints procedure, to include the regulator's name and address
- the supervision of the children in some rooms
- staff understanding of play plans and activities.

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

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
3	ensure staff use appropriate language, recordings, supervisory skills and behaviour when in the presence of the children. Ensure all staff are aware of, and comply with, activity plans	01/12/2004
6	ensure that potential hazards (water filled containers outdoors, damaged fence near river, loose plaster on the walls and the loose telephone in the pre-school room) are made safe	31/12/2004
7	ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding reducing infection; nose wiping followed by hand washing and sleeping positions of children	01/12/2004
9	ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice, particularly in the areas of gender and disability	31/12/2004

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

Std	Recommendation
11	develop staff's awareness and understanding of effective ways to manage children's behaviour, taking into account their age and stage of development

12	make available to parents a written statement that provides details of the procedure to be followed if they have a complaint, including Ofsted's contact address and telephone number
13	ensure the child protection procedure includes allegations against members of staff and volunteers
5	ensure that toys and equipment are clean, well maintained and safe

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.