



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 07/01/2004
Inspector Name Kay Williams

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Kidz Choice
Setting Address Queenswell School
Sweets Way
London
N20 0NQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Kidz Choice
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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

Kidz Choice out of school provision opened in 2003. It operates from the dining areas of Queenswell Infant School, which is located in Whetstone, Barnet. The immediate area is largely residential, with local shops and a park nearby. The provision serves families who's children attend the school as well as members of the neighbouring community. The setting also uses the schools outside play areas.

There are currently 40 children 5 to 10 years on roll. Children attend a variety of sessions.

The group is open each week day. Sessions are from 07:45 and 08:45 and again at 15:30 until 18:00 term time only. During the school holidays the setting is open between the hours of 09:00 until 18:00.

Four full time member staff work with the children, all of whom hold recognised early years or play work qualifications. The setting receives support from the Barnet Play Association and Kids Club Network.

How good is the Day Care?

Kidz Choice after school club at Queenswell School provides good quality out of school care for children.

The club is well managed and the motivated staff team provide a warm and welcoming environment for the children. The premises is clean and welcoming and is set out with children in mind. The range of equipment offered is both age appropriate, safe and well maintained. Documents and record keeping is of a good quality.

Areas for promoting children's health are generally good, they are aware of the importance of hand washing before eating, however the food offered at snack is not as well balanced and nutritional as it could be. Children are positively recognised as individuals and cultural diversity is valued through a range of activities and practice.

Children are very well behaved. Staff provide positive role models and the well written behaviour management policy is consistently implemented by all adults. Relationships between the staff and children are a strong feature of the setting and as a result the children are confident. Children are grouped very effectively and are able to access all activities freely. Adults plan a wide range of activities both in and

outdoors, which are stimulating, interesting and provide good recreational opportunities for all children.

Parent's express high levels of satisfaction with the standard of care and recreation offered at the club. Verbal feedback keeps them up to date with their children's progress.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The staff team work well together, they are committed enthusiastic and clearly enjoy their role. They have good links with the local authority Early Years Development Child Care Partnership and regularly attend meetings and training sessions. The manger holds an up to date first aid qualification.
- The behaviour management policy is well written and consistently implemented by all staff. As a result children are very well behaved.
- Partnerships with parent's is a particular strength. Parent's express high levels of satisfaction regarding the service they receive. Written information is readily available.
- The wide range of well planned activities are varied and interesting, children clearly enjoy their time at the setting. Staff make especially good use of the outdoor play area when planning activities.
- Relationships between the adults and children are very good, there is a good sense of fun within the setting and staff make good play partners for the children.

What needs to be improved?

- the nutritional content of the food provided to assist in providing a balanced diet.

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 |
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| 8 | Review the nutritional quality of the food provided. |

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.