



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 18/10/2004
Inspector Name Adetokunbo Abudu

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name The Lighthouse Club @ St James the Great
Setting Address St James the Great School
Peckham Road
London
SE15 5LP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Lighthouse Children's Foundation 1041216

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Lighthouse Children's Foundation
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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

The Lighthouse Club at St. James was registered in 1998. The provider of this setting is the Lighthouse Association. This club operates from St James school in Peckham. The setting has access to the school area, toilets facilities in the school building and ground floor hall in the school for snacktime and out door play facilities. It provides a service for children attending the school and from the local community.

The after school club operates term time only, Monday to Friday 15:30 to 18:00. There are currently 28 children on roll that attend various days.

Three members of staff work full time and two staff members work part time with the children. The manager of the after school club currently work three days per week with the children and holds a National Vocational Qualification Level 3 in childcare and current first aid certificate. The manager is also undertaking an Early Years Foundation Degree leading on qualified teaching status two days per week. Two of the other staff are suitably qualified.

The setting receives support from the Southwark Early Years Development Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

The Lighthouse Club at St James the Great provides good standard of care for children.

This setting is well organised and the staff are enthusiastic and caring. They work well together as a team. The manager and over half of the staff team are suitably qualified, experienced and hold relevant childcare qualifications. Activities are attractively set out to welcome the children and to capture their interest. There is a good range of furniture and equipment to meet the children's needs. The premises are clean and well maintained. All of the required paperwork is in place.

There are good health and safety procedures in place, however the club needs to conduct a risk assessment on the premises minimizing identified risks on fire and electrical appliances e.g. fire extinguishers, computer, etc. Children are safe and secure on the premises. They learn good hygiene practices through daily routines. Children are offered nutritious foods and their individual dietary requirements are

catered for. The staff know the correct procedures to follow if they have reason to be concerned about child protection issues. Children enjoy celebrating various festivals but resources reflecting local diversity are very limited.

There is a very good range of suitable activities on offer and the children are happy and well occupied. Children enjoy art and craft activities, in and out of door games, and receive help with their homework. The consistent management of behaviour by staff ensures children are well behaved within this setting. Children's views are respected and included in the settings behaviour rules and bullying is not tolerated.

The staff work well in partnership with parents. Parents are informed about their child's daily activities. Relevant information is provided, for example, menus, activity plans and the settings policies and procedures.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Satisfactory action has been taken in the only area identified for improvement at the last inspection.

What is being done well?

- This setting is well organised. The staff are enthusiastic, kind and caring. They work well as a team and they are clear about their role and responsibilities.
- Staff provide an exciting range of suitable activities. The children are very happy and well occupied.
- Health and safety procedures are good. Children are safe and secure on the premises.
- Staff are very aware of the children's individual needs and they treat them with equal concern.
- Staff manage children's behaviour very well. There are clear guidelines for acceptable behaviour at the setting. Children learn good behaviour which is encouraged and valued by staff.

What needs to be improved?

- the risk assessment on the premises, identifying actions to be taken to minimize identified risks;
- the provision of appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice

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.)

N/A

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
6	Conduct a risk assessment on the premises identifying actions to be taken to minimize identified risks on fire and electrical appliances e.g. fire extinguishers, computer,
9	Ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice.

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.