



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/11/2003
Inspector Name John Early

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Little Learners (In The Park)
Setting Address Durnsford Pavilion
Durnsford Recreation Ground, Wellington Road
Wimbledon
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

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 Learners is a full day care provision that is located in Durnsford Pavilion based in Durnsford recreation ground in the Wimbledon Park area. The provision is registered to care for 16 children aged 2 to 5 years. The premises consists of a large room with access to toilets, kitchen and a secure outdoor play area.

The nursery is open Monday to Friday from 09.15 - 15.00, term time only.

Holiday Playscheme Monday to Friday 09.30-12.30 Holidays only.

The nursery offers a combination of sessional and full day care places . There is the facility where children could be dropped off and picked up from Wimbledon Park School. The children who attend full time have packed lunch provided by parents.

There are 6 members of staff who work on the premises of whom 5 are qualified and 1 is working towards a qualification.

The Nursery offer funded places for four year olds. At present there are no children currently in attendance who have special needs. There are two children in attendance who have English as an additional language. There are no funded 3 or 4 year olds, currently in attendance.

How good is the Day Care?

Little Learners In The Park provides good quality care for children.

The environment is child centered, safe and well maintained. The nursery has a good range of toys, play materials and equipment to meet the children's needs.

Staff are clear about their roles and responsibilities and work very well together as a team. The interaction between staff and children is very good, they join in with the children's play and help them with the activities. The children are very well settled and happy.

Staff make sure the children are safe and supervised at all times. risk assessments are carried out regularly. Staff pay attention to good hygiene and teach the children about hand washing and keep them safe from cross infections.

The nursery has good relationships with parents. They keep the parents informed

about their children's progress and development.

Written policies and procedures are in place but some need increased detail.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the nursery was asked to draft a policy for infectious children, keep a visitors book, carry out and record risk assessments, obtain a copy of the curriculum guidance for the Foundation Stage, provide parents with Ofsted's details and ensure all staff are vetted. All these items have now been put in place.

What is being done well?

- Children are provided with a wide range of toys, play materials and equipment to help them in all areas of their development and learning.
- There is a warm welcoming atmosphere in the nursery, which is safe, secure, clean and well maintained. Staff are very caring to the children, giving much individual attention.
- There are very good relationships with parents, who are warmly welcomed and kept informed of their children's progress and development.

What needs to be improved?

- documentation, regarding written parental permission for emergency medical treatment.

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
7	Obtain written parental permission for emergency medical treatment.

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.