



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	03/06/2004
Inspector Name	Julie Larner

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Rickleton Kids Club
Setting Address	Vigo Lane Rickleton Washington Tyne and Wear NE38 9EZ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Patricia Ann Vinther
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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

Rickleton Kids Club was registered in September 1998. While the provision mainly serves children attending Rickleton Primary School and St. John Boste, it is also open to the wider community. The group is situated in the community wing of Rickleton Primary School, Rickleton, Washington.

The group provides care from 08:00-09:00 and 15:00-18:00, Monday to Friday in school term-time and from 08:30-18:00, Monday to Friday in school holidays. The group currently has 50 children on roll; they attend a variety of sessions to suit parents' working patterns.

The group uses a community room as the main area for children's play, there is also a separate quiet room available and nearby toilets. The kitchen area is located off the main community room. The group has use of the school playground as an outdoor play area and this is accessed from the community room.

The group supports children with special educational needs. There are no children attending with English as an additional language.

There are three full-time members of staff working with the group, all of whom hold an appropriate child care qualification. The group has a pool of staff that can be used on an as-and-when-needed basis; some of these staff hold or are working towards an appropriate child care qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Rickleton Kids Club provides a satisfactory standard of care. There is a routine to the day which is based around the children's choices of what they wish to do; children are consulted on this on a regular basis. There has been little attempt to update training due to constraints on staff's time; although staff work well together as a team, consideration needs to be given to further training in child protection to ensure that staff feel more confident in this area. Policies and staff files are in place and consideration should be given to extending these further to ensure that all of the necessary details are in place.

Space is used very effectively. There are different areas for different types of play and children move confidently around all areas; in addition there is a quiet room where children can relax, talk and watch television. This is enjoyed and is well used

by the children. A wide and appropriate range of equipment is available and which is easily accessible, allowing children to make choices. The group has done well to foster a positive attitude around equal opportunities where both boys and girls play with all of the equipment, it is a credit to the group that they have been successful in this area, particularly due to the ages of children they are caring for. Children are interested in what is available to play with and, due to the wide and varied activities provided, are engaged, challenged and behave well. Safety is satisfactory and the group works well with other agencies to ensure this, that health issues are adequate and the children's needs are met. Staff deal with behaviour effectively, they encourage children to sort out disputes, whilst supporting the younger members of the group to allow them to do this.

Partnerships with parents are effective. Clear and relevant information is readily available for them to access. Parents are complimentary about the care their children receive and are given verbal information on a daily basis.

What has improved since the last inspection?

There were several issues highlighted at the last inspection which mainly related to policies and procedures of the group. While some improvements to this are needed, good progress has been made overall. At the previous inspection the group also agreed to maintain a visitors book and maintain a record of medication administered and have parental consents in place for this.

The group now has a visitors book in place; however the use of this is not always consistent and needs to be improved upon further. There is a medication book to record any medications administered and the group has consents in place for parents to sign before doing so.

What is being done well?

- The staff work effectively together as a team and deploy themselves well to ensure that children are safe and well supported in their chosen activities.
- The children are happy and relaxed in the environment. They move around areas confidently and approach staff in the same way, keen to share their experiences and ideas with them.
- The space is used well to meet children's needs. There is a wide and appropriate range of equipment which children are very interested in, all of this is easily accessible allowing children to make choices. The group has fostered a particularly successful attitude to equal opportunities for boys and girls; children are comfortable playing with all of the toys.
- The staff team deals with behaviour well. They show vigilance and support children to sort out their own difficulties, giving children responsibility in this area and allowing them to develop negotiation skills.

What needs to be improved?

- the awareness of the need to inform Ofsted of any staff changes
- the paperwork kept on staff records to ensure that all of the necessary documents are in place
- the staff's awareness and understanding of child protection issues.

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
1	Inform Ofsted of all staff changes within the group.	16/06/2004

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

Std	Recommendation
2	Ensure that staff records contain the necessary details.
13	Consider updating child protection training to ensure that all staff have sufficient knowledge in this area.

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.