



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	12/10/2003
Inspector Name	Beverley Blackburn

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	Box Pre-School Playgroup
Setting Address	Jubilee Youth Centre Box Corsham Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Committee of Box Pre-School Playgroup 1035359
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Box Pre-School Playgroup
Address	Jubilee Youth Centre ,Box, Corsham Wiltshire SN13 8NZ

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

Box Pre-school is a well established committee run group serving the community of Box. They meet every morning in term time from 09:00 to 12:00 and have sole use of the downstairs rooms in the Jubilee Centre, which is in the centre of the village. They have shared use of the upstairs room and kitchen which are also used by a breakfast and after school club. The group uses a small tarmac area by the hall for outdoor play. The group receives funding for three and four-year-old children.

A new voluntary committee has just been appointed and there have been changes in the staff team which now has five members. Two staff have started Early Years Training.

How good is the Day Care?

Box Pre-School provides satisfactory care for the children. The group has made significant progress over the past year. There are suitable arrangements to protect children from persons who are not checked. The numbers of children looked after have sufficient staff support, to enable them to feel secure and confident. The daily record of attendance is accurate and up-to-date. The premises are adequately maintained and the temperature appropriate. The staff provide a good range of toys, equipment and play materials that promotes children's learning and development. The children show interest in the activities provided. The group has adequate arrangements for sharing information with the parents.

The staff keep the premises secure with suitable and effective systems for the arrival and collection of children. They actively promote good hygiene practice and they are able to provide healthy and nutritious snacks which comply with dietary and religious requirements. The staff takes account of children's individual needs and treat them with equal concern. They work with parents and other agencies to provide adequate service for children with special needs. All staff have a fair understanding of child abuse and neglect and are aware of the possible signs and symptoms, however, they would benefit from increasing their knowledge in this area.

There is a good range of planned and balanced activities available. The children show interest and enjoyment in their play, however, insufficient outdoor and physical play is included in the planning. Staff interact well and show interest in the children. They value and encourage good behaviour and use appropriate methods in dealing with behaviour.

The staff make sure the children are looked after according to the parents wishes, that they are kept informed about their children and only collected by authorised people.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the group was asked improve and update all policies and procedures and operational plans. All these are now in place and available to most parents. Letters confirming completion of all policies were sent to the regional centre.

What is being done well?

- The staff provide a good range of planned and balanced activities. The children show interest and enjoyment in their play. The staff interact well and show interest in the children and give them praise and encouragement when needed.
- The range and use of toys, equipment and play materials provides a balanced range of activities that promotes good learning and development opportunities for the children.
- The staff value and encourage good behaviour and use appropriate methods in dealing with behaviour.

What needs to be improved?

- the inclusion of outdoor and physical play in the curriculum planning
- the availability of all policy documents to all parents
- knowledge 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 should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
13	Extend knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.
4	Ensure physical and outdoor play is included in the curriculum planning.
12	Ensure all policy documents are available to all parents.

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.