



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 19/10/2004

Inspector Name Liz Corr

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care

Setting Name Royal Mail Childsplay Nursery

Setting Address Mount Pleasant Mail Centre, Farringdon Road
London
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kiddycare Limited 02196556

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Kiddycare Limited

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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

Child's Play Nursery Royal Mail opened in 1995. It operates from a designated area within Mount Pleasant Sorting Office. The nursery was set up to provide care for children of staff who work for Royal Mail. It opens from 06:00 to 22:00, 5 days a week, all year round (with the exception of public holidays).

The nursery is registered to provide care for 27 children aged under 5 years. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There are currently 33 children on roll. This includes eight funded 3-year-olds and two funded 4-year-olds on roll at present. The nursery supports children who speak English as an additional language. There are systems in place for supporting children with special educational needs.

Ten staff work with the children. Eight members of staff have childcare qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Childsplay nursery provides good care for children.

Clear daily routines are provided and activities well planned to ensure that all children benefit from a broad range of play opportunities. Staff make the best use of space available to ensure that children have the opportunity to play and discover. There is no outdoor space but outings are built into the planning and good use is made of local facilities.

Careful attention is given to safety. There is an effective system for security including the safe arrival and departure of children. There are clear and regularly practised fire and emergency evacuation plans. Procedures are in place for regularly restocking the first aid kits. All staff are first aid trained. The staff show commitment to updating child protection knowledge. Staff have access to local child protection procedures and understand the content. Staff encourage good hygiene routines including teeth care. All required record keeping is in place, organised and easily accessible but the new system for recording children's attendance does not include details of staff on duty.

Play activities and learning opportunities provided are suitable for each child's age and development. A good range of outdoor activities include trips to the local fire station, visits to meet local police horses and the library. Relationships between the staff and children are good. Reasonable expectations are set for children's

behaviour, children are given praise and encouragement. There is a positive attitude towards caring for children with special needs. There are good resources to promote equality. The entrance hall and stair case have attractive displays of photos of the children and posters representing positive images of our diverse society.

Parents are actively encouraged to participate in the provision and their ideas and involvement are welcomed. During the recent Black History topic parents have been very involved.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The nursery has successfully completed all actions raised at the last inspection. The actions related to staff training and health and safety, therefore improving the safety of the provision and the smooth running of the nursery.

What is being done well?

- Staff create a safe environment by taking positive steps to promote safety.
- Positive parental involvement ensures staff meet the needs of the children and share information.
- Documentation is well organised and promotes the smooth running of the nursery.

What needs to be improved?

- the system for registration to ensure staff are included in the records.

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
13	Ensure that the child protection procedure for the nursery contains guidance in the event of a child protection allegation being made against a member of staff.
14	Ensure that daily registers contain details of staff on duty.

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.