



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 06/05/2004  
Inspector Name Diana Pidgeon

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Brookhill House Day Nursery  
Setting Address 19 Brookhill Street  
Stapleford  
Nottingham  
Nottinghamshire  
NG9 7BQ

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Cared 4 Limited

### 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

Brookhill House Day Nursery opened in 1989. It is privately owned and operates from the ground floor of a large detached house. This area accommodates children from two to five years in small groups according to their age and stage of development. There is a separate building within the grounds for children under two years of age. There is a fully enclosed area for outside play. The nursery is located in Stapleford, which is a suburb of Nottingham. It serves families from the local and surrounding areas.

There are currently 72 children from 9 months to 5 years on roll. This includes 6 funded 4-year-olds and 16 funded 3-year-olds. The nursery supports children with special needs and is able to support children who speak English as an additional language.

The nursery opens five days a week, Monday to Friday throughout the year, from 07:30 until 18:00. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There are 19 full or part-time staff who work with the children. Of these 14 hold recognised early years qualifications in childcare and another is currently working towards a level 3 award. The nursery receives support from a specialist teacher from the Nottinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

### How good is the Day Care?

Brookhill House Day Nursery provides good quality care for children. Effective management and qualified, experienced staff ensure an organised environment where children are happy and confident. The premises are bright and welcoming and provide comfortable areas for children to play and rest. There is a good range of well-maintained play materials and equipment, including resources that reflect diversity.

Staff implement the health and hygiene procedures efficiently and pay careful attention to children's safety, security and supervision. Staff show a clear understanding of their responsibilities with regards to child protection and evacuating the building in an emergency. A varied menu of nutritious and appetising meals and snacks promotes healthy eating and takes account of any individual dietary needs.

Children enjoy a wealth of planned activities that promote their development and learning through practical experiences. Children of all ages show enthusiasm and

enjoyment as they play and many are developing the ability to concentrate and persevere with activities. Children respond to staff's calm approach and positive management of behaviour. Through direct involvement in many activities staff extend the children and successfully meet their individual needs.

All records, policies and procedures are in place to support the effective management of the nursery. Records are generally clear and appropriately used. The nursery provides clear information for parents through brochures, newsletters and notice boards. Information about children's routines and progress is shared through discussion, daily record sheets for younger children, access to developmental records and formal parent's evenings.

### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

At the previous inspection the nursery agreed to two actions which have been completed satisfactorily.

The gap in the fencing has been repaired and has resulted in a safer and more secure outside area for the children.

The policy statement on child protection has been extended to incorporate procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against staff. This improves the clarity of the documentation and meets the requirements.

### **What is being done well?**

- Staff plan a varied and interesting range of practical play activities, which allow children to investigate and explore with all their senses. Staff often work directly with the children, helping to extend their natural curiosity, promote their language and encourage their imagination. Children enjoy making a construction together, printing their own wallpaper and playing in bubbly water.
- Clear and effective organisation of the nursery ensures children are grouped appropriately to meet their needs and have friendly, familiar staff working with them. This ensures children are settled and confident in their surroundings. Carefully organised induction procedures for children moving through the nursery ensures the smooth transition between rooms.
- Children's individual needs are well met and staff ensure all children are able to take part in activities. Staff value children's individuality and help them to feel good about themselves. Some children are beginning to learn simple signs as an additional form of communication.
- The self-contained baby unit offers a secure base for the youngest children, with experienced and dedicated staff. Children are cared for in small groups, which ensures their individual needs are met and routines followed. All babies enjoy planned stimulating activities, which enhance their development. Many older babies enjoy exploring a variety of materials, such as paint and sand, using their hands.

**What needs to be improved?**

- the records of accidents on the premises, to ensure all relevant detail is recorded.

**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	Review the accident record to ensure staff always record all relevant details

## **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.*