



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 16/04/2003
Inspector Name Helen Clark

SETTING DETAILS

Setting Name Leapfrog Day Nursery
Setting Address Howitt Court, Sir John Robinson Way
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire
NG5 6DB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name MRS SUSAN HUSBANDS

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

Leapfrog Day Nursery is a part of a large national chain of Day Nurseries and first opened in August 2000. It is a purpose built nursery on two levels and serves the local area of Gedling on the outskirts of Nottingham City Centre. The nursery is registered for 120 children aged nought to eight years. There are currently 146 children aged three months to eight years on roll, this includes 19 funded three year olds and 15 funded four year olds. Children attend a variety of sessions. The setting has appropriate support systems in place for children with special needs and English as an additional language. The nursery opens five days a week from 7am until 7pm. Thirty full and part time staff work with the children, 16 staff have early years qualifications, 7 staff are currently on training programmes. The setting receives support from the Nottinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and is a member of the National Day Nursery Association.

How good is the Day Care?

Leapfrog day nursery (Daybrook) provides good quality care overall for children 0-8 years. Good measures are in place to ensure adults providing day care are suitable to do so, this includes a good induction programme for new staff and regular training opportunities to enable staff to increase their skills and knowledge. The comprehensive operational plan contains all the appropriate policies and procedures needed for the efficient and safe running of the provision. However clear procedures are not in place in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff. A warm and welcoming environment is provided and the toys and equipment available for the children are suitable for their purpose and promote all areas of learning. Good security systems in place and CCTV in all areas where children are cared for provide a safe environment for the children and piece of mind for parents. Children's individual care needs are met and meals are well planned and properly prepared. Clear procedures are in place to promote the good health of the children and all staff receive training in first aid and food hygiene. Well trained staff and clear policies ensures that children with special needs and their families are provided with the appropriate care and support needed. There is a good partnership with parents and carers and information is regularly exchanged to ensure the needs of the children are met. The statement of procedures where parents have a complaint needs updating with the regulators name and contact details on.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, the provider agreed to write and implement an operational plan, this has been achieved and a comprehensive set of policies and procedures are in place. Areas of health and safety such as protecting the outside sandpit from contamination and ensuring computer leads and electrical sockets are inaccessible to children has also been addressed. The way children are grouped within the nursery complies with the National Standards for Day care and babies are cared for in groups no larger than 12. Proof of public liability insurance has been produced and meets the requirements for registration.

What is being done well?

Good security systems in place for anyone entering the building and CCTV in each room where children are cared for provides a safe environment for the children and piece of mind for parents. A warm and welcoming environment is provided and toys and equipment available for the children are suitable for their purpose and promote all areas of learning. There is a good partnership with parents and cares and information is regularly exchanged to ensure the needs of the children are met.

What needs to be improved?

the child protection policy to include procedures to follow in the event of any allegation being made against a member of staff. the statement of procedures where parents have a complaint to include the regulators name and contact number.

Outcome of the inspection

Good

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NEXT?

The Registered Person must take the following actions by the date shown

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

Std	Recommendation
12	update the procedure in place when a parent has a complaint to contain the regulators name and contact details.
13	ensure procedures are in place and understood in the event of allegations being made against a member of staff.

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.