



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	20/10/2003
Inspector Name	Barbara Law

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	Owls Club
Setting Address	Hollins Grundy Primary School Off Hollins Lane Bury Lancashire

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Ms. Karen Mercer Brown
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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

Owl's Club Out of School club opened in 1996. It operates from three rooms in Hollins Grundy Primary School which is situated in a quiet semi-rural area of Bury.

The club has access to a small kitchen area, toilets, a large outdoor play area and has recently been granted use of the school's computer suite. The children attending the club attend the school.

The club is currently registered to provide 48 places for children under 8 years. Children up to 11 years also attend. There are currently 50 children on the register and an average of 29 in attendance, the group takes no more than 32 children at any one time.

The club operates five days a week term time only from 07:30 to 09:00am and 15:30 pm to 17:30. Parents book children in for the required sessions.

Two staff work in the breakfast club and four staff cover the after school club. The manager, who has been in post since September 2002, holds a relevant childcare qualification and has experience of working in an out of school club setting.

How good is the Day Care?

Owl's Out of School Club offers satisfactory care for children. The children are well supervised and staff involve themselves with the children in the activities on offer, however, more attention to the forward planning of activities will enhance the stimulation and entertainment the children experience.

Space is organised to allow children to move around freely. Toys and activities are accessible to children and meet their needs effectively. A broader range of resources which reflect positive images is to be considered in order to raise the children's awareness of wider society. All children were busily occupied in the activities and were able to approach staff about any issues that arose.

Staff are safety conscious and have clear procedures in place to protect children and ensure their safety. Staff undertake additional training to keep up to date with current childcare practices.

Policies, procedures and a comprehensive information brochure are in place and available to ensure that children have appropriate care and that parents are kept

informed of all care practices. In order to fully comply with registration standards, there is a need to include or amend some additional record keeping within the setting.

Staff communicate well with each other, the children and their parents. Children presented as confident and happy.

What has improved since the last inspection?

All aspects of the service identified at the last inspection as being in need of improvement have been addressed

What is being done well?

- Staff are involved in activities with the children and offer praise and encouragement.
- Staff have a good knowledge of the children and their individual needs and keep up to date with childcare practices.
- Children have room to move around freely and choose from a variety of activities and opportunities.
- The security of the premises is managed well with the identity of callers being checked before access granted.
- Policies, procedures and a comprehensive information brochure are in place to keep parents informed.

What needs to be improved?

- confidential accident recordings
- a daily record of staff employed
- additional resources reflecting positive images.

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
7	Ensure the confidentiality of accident recordings.
9	Provide additional resources which reflect positive images
14	Ensure a daily record/register of staff is kept

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.