



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	11/01/2005
Inspector Name	Denise Sixsmith

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Hillcrest Nursery School
Setting Address	22 Black Bull Lane Fulwood Preston Lancashire PR2 3PX

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Hillcrest Nursery School Ltd 4809091
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### 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

Hillcrest Nursery School Ltd has been operating for a number of years and registered as a company in 2004. It is located in the Fulwood area of Preston. A maximum of 48 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 08:00 to 17:30 all year, except Bank Holidays.

There are currently 78 children aged from 0 to 5 years on role. Of these 40 children receive funding for nursery education. the nursery currently supports children with special educational needs.

The nursery employs 14 staff. Ten staff including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications. The other staff are working towards a qualification. The registered provider holds a teaching qualification and is directly involved in the running of the facility. Support staffs are employed to provide meals and maintain the building

### How good is the Day Care?

Hillcrest Nursery School Ltd. provides satisfactory care for children. There are clear policies and procedures in place however some aspects require updating including the baby changing procedure. The staff have a positive approach and keep up to date with current practice however, the SENCO has yet to attend the specified training. Staff work well as a team creating a relaxed environment. Good quality toys are provided and satisfactory equipment is in place. The space is used well to help the children to be settled and happy.

Satisfactory safety and hygiene procedures are in place and staff are vigilant in reducing risks indoors, however a nappy changing unit awaiting removal is in the outdoor area. Staff have a satisfactory awareness of child protection issues and hold first aid certificates. Children are encouraged to observe good hygiene as part of their developing self care. Attention to children's health is generally good, but parental signatures are not obtained after medication is administered or consistently obtained in the accident record. Children's individual dietary requirements are adhered to with good quality fresh food being provided at meal and snack times.

The children benefit from a variety of play activities, which provides them with the opportunity to work cooperatively and imaginatively. They have a choice about what they do and can easily access the interesting activities and toys provided. Good

behaviour is valued and staff through praise and positive support foster children's self esteem very effectively. Staff are patient, calm and caring towards the children and place an emphasis on enjoyment. Children are respected as individuals and staff meet their needs very well.

Partnership with parents is good. Staff share information daily about the settings activities and the children's welfare. Parents speak highly of the provision and value the friendly, helpful approach of the staff.

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

Not applicable.

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

- The staff have a positive approach and keep up to date with current practice. They have created an interesting environment for the children, particularly where they have adopted ideas and practice from the Birth to Three Matters training.
- Children are interested in and want to play with what is provided with the babies having fun with the textured balls and metal belt links. The older children enjoy the covered outdoor area with free access to painting, sand and water play.
- Partnership with parents is a strength, with parents expressing their support for the nursery and staff. Parents feel well informed about their children's welfare.
- The premises are warm, relaxed and welcoming with children's work being displayed. Photographic displays in entrance area show the children engaging in a variety of activities.

#### **An aspect of outstanding practice:**

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#### **What needs to be improved?**

- obtaining of parents signature when medication has been administered, accidents recorded and permission for the seeking of emergency medical advice or treatment
- training for the named SENCO
- updating of policies and procedures to reflect changes in the nursery including nappy changing practice
- adherence to safety policy to ensure the outside area is risk free.

#### **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.)**

There are no complaints to report.

**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 must take the following actions by the date shown**

Std	Action	Date
7	Ensure that the record of medication administered to children and the accident record is signed by parents.	18/01/2005

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

Std	Recommendation
2	Ensure that policies and procedures are updated including the nappy changing procedure.
6	Conduct a risk assessment on the rear outdoor play area of the premises identifying action to be taken to minimize the risk created by the broken furniture units.
7	Request written permission from all parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment prior to children starting at the nursery.
10	Develop the named SENCO's knowledge and understanding of the Code of Practice.

## **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.*