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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 04/08/2004  
Inspector Name Kerry Iden

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Ladybirds Nursery  
Setting Address Karingal  
Bracklesham Lane, Bracklesham Bay  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO20 8JA

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Suzanne Blunden

## 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

Ladybirds Day nursery opened in 2003. It operates from three main rooms plus a separate sleep room, all on the ground floor, in the sea side village of Bracklesham Bay near Chichester, West Sussex. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The Nursery serves the local area and villages beyond.

There are currently 32 children on roll. This includes 7 funded three-year-olds and 7 funded four-year-old. Children attend for a variety of sessions.

The setting currently doesn't have any children with special needs, they support one child and their family who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens Monday to Friday all year round from 08:00 until 18:00

Over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3. There are staff currently working towards a recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from a mentor from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

### How good is the Day Care?

Ladybirds nursery offers good quality care for children.

There are effective procedures for appointing and vetting staff, these procedures ensure the children are protected. Good use is made of the building and children have been grouped appropriately. The outside play space to the rear of the building allows the children to receive outdoor play. The setting is bright, warm, clean and well maintained. All the required documents and procedures to support the organisation of the day care are available.

A safe environment is provided for the children generally, however there are some safety concerns. There are many procedures in place within the nursery to promote the health and well being of the children. All children's meals and snacks are freshly prepared and cooked on the premises and staff are aware of dietary needs. The staff feeding babies need to maintain good eye contact when the babies are in the highchairs.

They organise and plan daily activities and provide resources to engage their interest. The nursery understand the need for good liaison with parents and other agencies regarding any special needs, however there is a lack of knowledge of the SENCO role. Behaviour management is in accordance to children's age and ability to understand. Most situations are dealt with through distraction and re-direction. Good behaviour is always valued and encouraged. Children will treated with respect from the staff, they encourage the children to be respectful of each other.

The nursery obtains information about how parents wish their child to be cared for and respect their wishes. Parents receive information when they first attend with their child and ongoing information throughout. There is a parents notice board. Staff provide parents with verbal feedback on a daily basis, they are also given daily information sheets about their child containing details about meals, nappy changes and activities etc.

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

Not applicable

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

- The setting is bright, warm, clean and well maintained. Children's art work is displayed throughout the provision. The nursery has a homely feel to it but still providing all the information to parents on a notice board. The staff interact very well with the children. They organise and plan daily activities and provide resources to engage their interest.
- All food on the menu is cooked on the premises by the nursery staff, there is a menu on display on the parents notice board, the nursery supplies main meals at lunchtime and tea time foods late afternoon.
- Staff have a positive approach and are aware of strategies for dealing with behaviour and are consistent in their approach. Most situations are dealt with through distraction and re-direction. Behaviour is discussed with the children, giving them explanations as to why the behaviour is unacceptable. Good behaviour is always valued and encouraged. Children are treated with respect from the staff, they encourage the children to be respectful of each other.
- The group work hard to ensure they speak to the parents to find out their parental wishes and endeavour to work in partnership with them for the benefit of the children. Staff will only allow the children to leave with their appropriate adult. Staff speak with the parents of the babies and invite them to stay a while to discuss any established routines their baby may have. There are clipboards in place on the wall which tell the parents information about their babies day including what the child has eaten, drunk, slept, nappy changes.

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

- the height of hazardous equipment such as stereo and cleaning materials
- the safety relating to young children being able to open internal doors
- face to face interaction when feeding babies in highchairs
- the knowledge and understanding of the SENCO role.

### 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
6	Ensure that the internal doors are not able to be opened by the younger children.
6	Make sure all electrical items and cleaning materials are made safe and secure.
10	Ensure the nursery SENCO has the necessary knowledge and understanding of the role.
3	Ensure the babies receive face to face interaction when being fed.

## **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.*