



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 14/01/2004  
Inspector Name Susan Mukherjee

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care  
Setting Name LITTLE STARS CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP  
Setting Address THE BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHANDOS STREET  
LEAMINGTON SPA  
WARICKS  
CV32 4RN

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of The Committee of Little Stars Christian  
Playgroup

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name The Committee of Little Stars Christian Playgroup  
Address Chandos Street  
Leamington Spa  
Warwickshire  
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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

Little Stars Christian Playgroup opened in 1996. It operates from two rooms in the Baptist Church Hall Leamington Spa. The Playgroup serves the local area.

There are currently 39 children from 2 years 6months to under 5 years on roll. This includes 21 funded three-year-olds and 9 funded four-year-olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports a number of children with special needs, and who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens 5 days a week during school term times, and occasional sessions for children up to 6 years in the school holidays. Sessions in the term time are from 09:15 until 13:15 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 09:15 until 11:45 on Thursday and Friday. .

Eight part time and full time staff work with the children. Six of the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3, and two staff are currently working towards a recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from a teacher from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

### How good is the Day Care?

Little Stars Christian Playgroup provides a good standard of care for children. The premises are welcoming, well maintained and spacious. The staff have been creative in their use of the space which ensures the children have full benefit from the activities provided. Wall displays provide excellent examples of the children's work, and include photographic displays, which provide valuable opportunities that stimulate children's conversation, and provides parents with an insight into nursery life. There is an extensive range of resources which are developmentally appropriate and which are maintained in good condition. There are effective systems for providing and maintaining all the required documentation, although some requires additional detail and copies of relevant child protection documentation needs to be sort. Staff and parents are kept fully informed of all policies and procedures.

Good attention is paid to security, safety and risk assessments of the premises. Hygiene standards are good, and children are encouraged to learn about hygiene practice through established daily routines. Staff are aware of the importance of meeting individual dietary needs, and snacks are planned to be healthy and nutritious. Resources reflecting equal opportunities are in place and staff attitudes

are positive with regard to equality, ensuring children's individual needs are very well met.

Children are offered an excellent range of exciting and stimulating play based activities, which develop children's imagination, and supports all areas of their learning. They have good opportunities to access resources independently, and are given time to explore investigate and make decisions about their play and learning. Relationships between staff, children and parents are securely established. Interaction is very good, and children are confident, happy and settled. Children behave very well, which is a reflection of the clear and consistent guidelines they are given.

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

Not applicable as no actions were raised at previous inspection.

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

- The well planned programme of activities, which is exciting and stimulating and provides children with the opportunity to explore and investigate, and which supports them in all areas of their development.
- The comprehensive range of toys, books and wall displays provided which support children's play and learning.
- The high standard of caring adult support and excellent staff child interaction, which helps the children feel secure and settled. Effective use of praise and encouragement help children behave well, and to show care and concern for each other.
- The premises are very well organised to create a welcoming and friendly environment to the children and their families
- Partnership with parents is valued. There are very effective systems for sharing information with parents, and they are regularly invited to attend playgroup events.

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

An impressive range of planned themed projects is provided in which children enthusiastically participate. The projects are innovative and exciting, and give children excellent opportunities to develop their imaginative and creative skills in a supportive and caring environment.

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

- the procedure for recording existing injuries, and details regarding children's times of arrival and departure
- the obtaining of relevant child protection documentation.

**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
2	Ensure arrival and departure times of children are recorded.
7	Ensure sufficient detail is included in the recording of children's existing injuries.
13	Obtain copies of relevant child protection guidance and procedures.

## **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.*