



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 10/03/2004
Inspector Name Mandy Gannon

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Fun House
Setting Address Whitney Road
Daneshill Industrial Estate
Basingstoke
Hampshire
RG24 8NS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Fun House 4048087

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

Fun House Kidz Crew after school and holiday care opened in 2003. It is situated on an industrial estate between Old Basing and Basingstoke where the Fun house operates a soft play activity centre. The group have their own play rooms and toilets on the first floor and share some of the facilities of the Fun House.

The group takes up to 50 children aged 5-8 years in after school club and up to 100 children aged 5-8 years in holiday scheme. The group opens Monday - Friday 15:00-18:00 term time and 08:00-18:00 in school holidays. There are currently 30 children attending in the holiday scheme and 14 in the after school club. The children are transported to the club from various surrounding schools. The group have several children attending who have special educational needs and the group work closely with the families to offer support and consistency. The group have consideration for children for whom English is an additional language.

There are currently five members of staff, one member of staff is currently qualified with other staff undertaking training. Two members of staff are first aid trained.

How good is the Day Care?

Funhouse Kidz Crew after school and holiday care provides satisfactory care. Currently only one member of staff is qualified and other staff are undertaking training. The staff are well organised and documentation is well maintained with only a few minor adjustments required. The upstairs play rooms are bright, clean and well maintained with decorations appropriate for the age group. A good selection of toys and resources are available. Children use soft play area downstairs which they enjoy.

The staff are vigilant about children's safety and are aware of the risks of the building also being used by the general public. Risk assessments are completed daily. Staff are aware of health and hygiene but must be vigilant in this area at all times encouraging children to adopt healthy practice. Staff have a good understanding of child protection, have attended training and are aware of procedures to follow.

A good variety of toys and resources are available, however children have limited opportunity to select toys and resources themselves. The group have regard for children with special needs, all children are valued and included. An equal opportunity policy is in place and is shared with parents, individual needs are taken

into consideration. However toys and resources in this area are limited. Good behaviour is valued and encouraged through praise and encouragement and staff acting as good role models, this is reflected in the children behaviour.

Parents are welcomed into the group, they are kept well informed through policies in the parent's pack and parent's information board. Relationships with parents are good, they are able to talk to staff and share information.

What has improved since the last inspection?

First inspection since transitional inspection.

What is being done well?

- A good variety of toys and resources that provide an interesting and stimulating environment suitable for the age group attending.
- Staff have a good understanding of children's individual needs and attend to them appropriately.
- Staff act as good role models, valuing and encouraging good behaviour
- through praise and encouragement.
- Documentation is well maintained and up to date.

What needs to be improved?

- develop the arrangements to promote good health and hygiene practises with washing hands before snack time
- increase children's ability to access toys and resources independently so building their confidence and choices
- increase staff's training and qualifications.

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
2	develop an action plan that sets out how staff training and qualification requirements will be met	31/03/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
5	increase children's independence allowing children to freely access toys and resources.
7	increase good hygiene practise encouraging children to wash hands prior to snack time.

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.