



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 05/08/2003
Inspector Name Susan Magaret Lyon

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Smart Start
Setting Address Oberlin Cottage
Oberlin Street, Greenacres
OLDHAM
Greater Manchester
OL4 3HS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Cheryl Maria Connell

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

The nursery operates in a cottage that dates back to 1820 and which has undergone a complete renovation. The downstairs has been split into five main rooms, where children are grouped according to their ages and stage of development.

The nursery opens Monday to Friday 07:30 to 18:00 throughout the year.

They are registered for sixty five children aged from birth to five years. The manager is qualified and half the staff hold a child care qualification. The nursery is not registered for overnight care.

The nursery has been awarded a Quality assurance award, Investors in People award and a Healthy Eating award.

How good is the Day Care?

Smart Start nursery provides a good standard of care for children.

The nursery is well organised and provides a warm and welcoming environment for children and parents.

The children are happy and settled in the setting which offers a broad range of age appropriate play activities.

The premises are safe and secure and staff provide a high level of supervision. Attention needs to be given to first aid box contents.

Children have opportunity to socialise with each other and relate well to members of staff.

The nursery received a Healthy Eating award, Investors in People award and Quality assurance award this year.

Parental consent forms need reviewing and consideration given to supplying drinks for the children more frequently.

The nursery provides parents with regular detailed written and verbal information about their child's day.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Radiators have been made touch safe and are thermostatically controlled to prevent children from harming themselves. Several Health and safety measures have been completed to improve the environment, e.g. Air conditioning system fitted, finger guards on doors fitted.

Quality Assurance award, Investors in people award and Healthy Eating award achieved this year.

What is being done well?

- The information available for parents is comprehensive and detailed.
- Resources are well organised to maintain consistency of staff through the key worker system.
- Policies and procedures are reviewed with staff to ensure implementation and consistency.

What needs to be improved?

- the contents of first aid boxes;
- obtaining consent for emergency medical treatment;
- the availability of drinks for children.

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
7	review contents of first aid boxes and obtain consent for emergency medical treatment.

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ensure drinks are always available to children.

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.