



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	08/01/2004
Inspector Name	Donna Suzanne Lancaster

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	Piglets Playgroup
Setting Address	Cheviot Crescent The Old Canteen Community Centre Billingham Cleveland TS23 2PR

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Piglets Playgroup
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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

Piglets Playgroup operates sessional care for children aged two to under eight years. The Playgroup operates from two rooms. There is access to enclosed outdoor play area. The premises are located close to the centre of Billingham. The facility serves the local and surrounding areas.

There are currently 44 children aged from 2 to 8 years on roll. The group do not offer places for funded children. There are no children attending who have special needs and there is 1 child attending with English as an additional language.

Children attend for a variety of sessions. The Playgroup is open Monday to Friday. Sessions are from 09:30 to 12:00 all year except bank holidays. There are five members of staff on the register. Four member of staff are qualified and one member of staff is working towards Early Years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Piglets Playgroup provides good quality care for children aged two to under eight years. There are four full time members of staff of which three have appropriate qualifications and one is working towards qualification. Staff have a commitment to continually updating their own knowledge and experience of working with children through training. The premises are warm and welcoming and children feel secure and happy.

There is a good selection of appropriate play materials available which are easily accessible by the children. Staff ensure children are safe inside and outside the setting. A check list of the premises and equipment is completed on a daily basis. Staff promote the good health of children by encouraging them to wash their hands. Snacks are regular varied and nutritious. There is good communication with parents with regard to individual dietary requirements. Child protection and complaints procedures are in place, however they do not include relevant contact numbers.

Staff have good relationships with the children, they talk and play with them and help them to learn. Children with English as a second language are supported well and they are encouraged to take part in all the Playgroups activities.

The group have developed good working relationships with parents and are welcomed into the setting. There is a parental involvement policy in place. Parents

indicated that they have good relationship with the staff and are happy with the care provided and the range of activities offered by the Playgroup.

All documentation is in place in a well organised and confidential manner.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The are comprehensive procedures for all safety issues.
- The good positive steps taken to promote good hygiene practices.
- The documentation, which is kept in a well organised and confidential manner.
- The good range of play materials which is appropriate to the ages and stages of the children attending the group.
- The clear and informative policies and procedures.
- The relationships with parents and the children that have been developed. Staff interact well with the children by talking and playing with them and provide activities to encourage them to learn.
- The written information parents receive relating to the group and their child's individual development.
- The planning of activities is very good and evidence of activities taking place displayed for parents.

What needs to be improved?

- the child protection and complaints procedures to identify relevant contact numbers.
- the written consent from parents to seek emergency medical treatment or advice.

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	Request written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment.
12	Make available to parents relevant contact details in the complaints procedure.
13	Ensure child protection procedures include all relevant contact numbers.

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.