



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	02/08/2004
Inspector Name	Julie Wright

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Victoria Mill Community Building
Setting Address	20 Lower Vickers Street Miles Platting Manchester Lancashire M40 7LH

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Manchester & Salford Family Services Unit 456426
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Manchester & Salford Family Services Unit
Address	Varley Street Miles Platting Manchester M40 7AH

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 Fun Club Open Access Scheme originally opened in 2003. It operates from Victoria Park Community Building on Lower Vickers Street, Miles Platting, Manchester. The club uses the main hall, toilets and securely enclosed outdoor play area. The club serves the local area.

The club is open to children aged from 4 to 11 years who attend for a variety of sessions. The club opens five days a week in the summer and Easter holidays and every Wednesday all year round. Sessions are from 10:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 15:00 in the holidays and from 18:00 to 20:00 on Wednesdays.

There are five part time staff who work with the children. Over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3.

How good is the Day Care?

The Fun Club at Victoria Mill Community Building provides satisfactory care for children. Staff promote warm relationships with the children, who are relaxed and confident in their care. Space is utilised well and children have the opportunity to play either indoors or outside. The resources are organised and easily accessible to the children. Most records and documentation are in place and available for inspection.

Staff demonstrate a clear awareness of safety issues and ensure that outings are appropriately supervised. The club closes between 12 and 13:00 and parents make their own arrangements for lunches. Staff are aware of children's individual requirements, such as allergies, which are recorded. Children are able to access drinks of juice and water at all times. Fresh fruit is offered in the afternoon session. They are aware of their responsibilities with regard to Child Protection procedures and share these with parents. Staff demonstrate a good awareness of children's needs and give consideration to the ages of the children attending. Additional support can be accessed for children with special needs and also for people who speak English as an additional language.

Children are engaged in a variety of age appropriate leisure activities. The staff provide appropriate levels of support to the children during their play. They have good relationships with the children who are familiar with the environment and occupied. Positive behaviour is praised and encouraged.

Good working relationships are encouraged with parents. Records are in place to ensure parental wishes are recognised and that children's needs are met. Parents are invited to participate and help with the supervision of planned outings.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- There are clear vetting procedures in place for staff. Updated training is made available and encouraged. Unqualified staff have relevant experience and local knowledge. Staff build positive relationships in the community.
- The premises are suitable for their purpose and a variety of indoor and outdoor play opportunities are available. Children enjoy the use of pool and football tables. Activities are accessible and children make independent choices as to where they play.
- Staff have a consistent, positive approach to managing behaviour. Children are involved in discussing the club rules, including the anti-bullying policy. Staff interact well with the children and respond to their requests. Children play with confidence.

What needs to be improved?

- the attendance details on the register
- the information on the complaints procedure for parents
- the availability of documentation for inspection.

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 should have regard to the following recommendations

by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
2	Ensure that the registration system has full names of children and clearly indicates which children are on the premises.
12	Ensure that the complaints procedure for parents includes the address and telephone number of Ofsted.
14	Ensure that the certificate of insurance is available for inspection at all times.

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.