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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 23/08/2004
Inspector Name Andrea Ewer

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Daventry Grange Care Club
Setting Address Daventry Grange Junior & Infant School
Staverton Road
Daventry
Northamptonshire
NN11 4HW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Daventry Grange Care Club 0059801001

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Daventry Grange Care Club
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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

Daventry Grange Care Club has been registered since 1991, and is registered to care for 38 children aged 3 to 8 years old. The club caters for children who attend Daventry Grange Primary School and the local community. Areas used by children include the bungalow, the mobile unit, the school playground and the garden.

The club operates from Daventry Grange School, Daventry, Northamptonshire and is open during most school holidays. Sessions run from 07:30 to 08:45 and 15:15 to 18:00 during term time and from 08:00 to 17:00 during school holidays.

There are currently 98 children on roll, 41 of whom are under the age of eight years. Currently there are no children who have English as an additional language. There are two children currently attending who have special educational needs.

There is a total of seven members of staff, of whom two hold a relevant childcare qualification and three are on training programmes. Daventry Grange Care Club is a member of Kids Club Network and works closely with Daventry Grange School.

How good is the Day Care?

Daventry Grange Care Club provides satisfactory care to children. The club is well organised with regular routines that help children feel secure. Staff are deployed effectively and work well as a team, however the manager does not hold a suitable qualification. Daily records are well maintained and most written policies and procedures are in place.

The premises are clean and tidy with good hygiene standards. Regular risk assessments, appropriate equipment and good levels of supervision ensure children's safety.

Children are involved in a broad range of interesting and stimulating activities that they enjoy, and extends their learning. There is a good balance between free play, where children make choices about what to play with, and large group activities. Staff have good relationships with children, they get to know children well and meet their individual needs. Staff are interested in what children do and say, which helps them feel valued and develops their self-esteem. Children are very well behaved. They actively contributed to the clear club rules, and as a result, they take responsibility for their actions and understand the effect their behaviour has on

others.

Staff develop effective relationships with parents, and take account of their wishes for the care of their children. Information about children is shared daily, and regular newsletters keep parents well informed of the activities taking place within the group.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the group agreed to provide an action plan detailing how and in what timescale at least half the staff will obtain a qualification to at least N.V.Q level two, make the front door secure, and confirm that procedures are in place to ensure children are safe during outings. They further agreed to develop procedures for lost or uncollected children, child protection and children who have special needs, and to include the details of the regulator on the complaints policy.

Most actions have been addressed satisfactorily. Out of the seven members of staff two hold a relevant qualification and three are working towards a level three qualification. This ensures staff are better able to promote children's welfare.

The bolt on the front door has now been repaired, ensuring children are unable to leave the premises unsupervised. A procedure is in place for lost or uncollected children and children who have special needs. The group also has a copy of the Area Child Protection Committee guidelines on display and the complaints procedure now includes details of the regulator. However the child protection procedure has not been developed satisfactorily and this has been brought forward in this inspection. Policies and procedures are shared with staff and promote consistency of care for children. In order to ensure children's safety during outings, transport is provided by Daventry Community Transport. The group has a written policy on outings and off site activities, that includes higher child:adult ratio's and risk assessments.

What is being done well?

- Staff plan and provide a varied, stimulating and interesting range of activities that children enjoy. They use opportunities to secure children's learning through discussion and additional activities, that underpins their understanding of topics covered.
- Equal opportunities is promoted very well. Staff get to know children well, and take active steps to ensure their individual needs are met. They provide activities, information and first hand experiences that help children learn about other countries, cultures and our similarities and differences. The equal opportunities policy is well written and has regard for the relevant legislation. It is understood by staff and shared with parents through the parents' handbook.
- Good emphasis is given to managing children's behaviour. Children respond very well to the positive methods used to manage their behaviour. Children contributed to developing the club rules and staff reinforce them periodically. As a result children take responsibility for their actions, and they understand

right from wrong, and the effect their behaviour has on others.

What needs to be improved?

- documentation, by making sure there is a child protection procedure that complies with local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) procedures, and that it is shared with staff and parents
- staff qualifications, by demonstrating how and when the supervisor will achieve an appropriate level 3 qualification.

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
1	Develop and implement an action plan that sets out how the manager will achieve an appropriate level 3 qualification.
13	Develop a child protection procedure and ensure that it complies with local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) procedures. Make sure that the procedure is shared with staff and parents.

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.