



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	16/02/2005
Inspector Name	Josephine Ann Northend

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Little Waves Daycare
Setting Address	Green Gates Childrens Centre Keilder Close Redcar Cleveland TS10 4HS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Priory Day Nursery Ltd 4519749
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	The Priory Day Nursery Ltd
Address	18 Grange Close Grangetown Middlesbrough TS6 7LD

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

Little Waves Day Nursery is part of the Priory Day Nursery Group and has been registered for approximately one year. It provides full day care from a purpose built Sure Start building located in the grounds of Green Gates Primary School in Redcar, serving the local community. Care is provided from three childcare rooms, each have their own access to fully enclosed outdoor play areas.

The setting is registered to provide care for 46 children aged between birth and 5 years, there are currently 30 children on roll, attending for a variety of sessions. There are 10 childcare staff members in place, 9 of whom have appropriate child care qualifications. There are currently four staff on training programmes.

How good is the Day Care?

Little Waves Day Nursery provides good care for children up to five years. The person-in-charge is suitably qualified and experienced and there are clear procedures in place for the recruitment of staff. Staff are appropriately qualified and clear procedures are in place for staff induction. Documentation is kept well and there are clear registration systems in place. The physical environment is well maintained, warm and welcoming. Children are grouped appropriately. There is a good range of toys and equipment including a range that reflects diversity.

Risk assessments are completed and the security of the premises is given good attention. Safety is for the most part given good attention however children are not always given drinks safely. Staff have received first aid training and there are clear medication procedures in place. Accidents involving children are recorded and acknowledged by parents however they lack some detail. The children's health is promoted well and children are encouraged with good hygiene practices. There is a clear equal opportunities policy in place and staff ensure children's individual needs are met. The setting has clear procedures to support children with special needs. There is a clear child protection policy in place and staff are clear about the procedures to follow in the event of a concern.

Staff plan a good range of activities, the children easily access toys and equipment and staff are very well involved in children's play. Staff interaction with the children is good; they are involved in the children's activities and apply the positive behaviour management policy consistently.

Partnership with parents is strong, they know what is going on through information displayed, access to the settings policies and procedures, and daily discussion with staff. There is a clear two-way flow of both verbal and written daily information and parents receive clear information when they enquire about a place.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- There is a good range of well planned, age appropriate activities provided to the children and staff are involved well in the children's play.
- Partnership with parents is good; there are clear systems in place for the sharing of information.
- Staff have completed first aid training and good hygiene practices are promoted well.
- The premises are well maintained, there is sufficient space for the numbers of children attending and the environment is warm and welcoming to children and their parents.
- There is a clear behaviour management policy in place, implemented well by staff who support children's positive behaviour well.

What needs to be improved?

- procedures to ensure children's drinks are given safely and appropriately
- procedures to record accidents to children, to include information about any actions taken.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

There are no complaints to report.

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
6	Ensure children's drinks are given safely and appropriately.
7	Develop accident recording procedures to include information about any actions taken.

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.