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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	15/04/2004
Inspector Name	Juliette Jennings

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Treetops Kids Club
Setting Address	Wenlock Road SHREWSBURY Shropshire SY2 6LE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Julia Lewis
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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

Treetops Kids Club is located in the Springfield area of Shrewsbury in Shropshire. The group uses a demountable building which is adjacent to and within the grounds of Holy Cross Junior School.

The group serve the local and wider area and is open Monday to Friday from 08:00 until 18:00 during holiday time and for before and after school sessions during term time. The children can access a variety of sessions and follow a relaxed routine which accommodates a mixture of free choice and planned activities. They have access to the school grounds for outdoor play.

There are six members of staff who work with the children, three of whom hold suitable early years qualifications. The staff access regular training on early years issues and receive support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Treetops Kids Club is providing a good quality and standard of care. Children are supported well by staff to use age-appropriate leisure activities in an interesting, relaxed and child-orientated environment. They have access to a range of exciting and stimulating resources and activities within a comfortable atmosphere.

Staff support children well in planned and free choice opportunities by asking questions and listening to what they have to say. They are particularly good at praising children in their efforts and encouraging independence and self-esteem. Staff access regular training in early years issues and current good practice guidelines and this helps to ensure that children are well cared for.

Safety within the setting is good, although there was one safety issue highlighted at the time of the inspection. Risk assessments, policies and procedures are in place and have recently been reviewed and updated to ensure that these are working documents. However, the uncollected child procedure and illness policy should be updated so that they contain more detail. In addition, parents should sign to acknowledge when medication has been administered.

The group maintain a positive partnership with parents, with verbal feedback given on a daily basis. Good information is given to parents initially about the setting and

the range of activities available to children.

Documentation is detailed, in good order and stored confidentially where appropriate.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable, as there were no actions raised at the previous inspection.

What is being done well?

- Children are confident and comfortable in a child-orientated environment. Staff work directly with children and support a happy and relaxed atmosphere. Staff are good at providing an appropriate, interesting and exciting environment for children to enjoy leisure activities.
- Staff encourage independence and choice, supporting children to make decisions about what they want to do and to become independent.
- Documentation, policies and procedures are in good order, are detailed and help to ensure that the setting operates smoothly. Good procedures are in place for ensuring that children and the areas that they use are safe. Staff know their responsibilities and adhere to the procedures in place.
- Good information is given to parents so that they know about the setting and the kinds of activities that children will access.
- Positive behaviour management techniques are used to maintain a friendly, enjoyable and relaxed environment. Staff are good at outlining rules and boundaries and encouraging children to be kind and help others.

What needs to be improved?

- the detail within the illness and uncollected child procedures, so that they are comprehensive
- the safety of the fluorescent strip lights
- procedures for ensuring that parents sign to acknowledge that medication has been administered.

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	Seek and act on advice given with regard to the safety of the fluorescent strip lights.
7	Make sure that medication records detail parental signatures to acknowledge administration of medication.
14	Make sure that uncollected child and illness policies are comprehensive and in line with requirements.

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.