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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 21/02/2005
Inspector Name Sylvia Cornock

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name St Wilfrid's Link Club
Setting Address Church Lane
Grappenhall
Warrington
Cheshire
WA4 3EP

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Joyce Hilary Kernahan

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

St Wilfred's Link Club opened in 1997. It operates from within St Wilfred's Church of England School in the village of Grappenhall, Warrington. They mainly use the school hall and in exceptional circumstances one of two adjoining classrooms. They have access to the school playground and playing field for outdoor activities. The group provides care for children from St Wilfred's school only.

There are currently 60 children from three to eight years on roll, of whom 36 are currently under the age of eight years. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently have no children with special educational needs or who speak English as an additional language.

A maximum of 40 children may attend the Out of School Club at any one time. The setting opens five mornings Monday to Friday each week, 07.45 to 08.45. and 15.00 to 18.00.term time only.

There are four full time and two part time members of staff who work directly with the children. Three have an early years childcare qualification, of whom two have NVQ level three in play work and one member with BTEC childcare diploma. One member of staff is currently undertaking NVQ level three in play work.

The group have close links with Warrington Sure Start Partnership and they are members of the local Childcare Providers Network.

How good is the Day Care?

St Wilfred's Link Club provides good quality care for children. Staff qualifications are the required fifty percent and they are enthusiastic and committed to further training to enhance existing good practice. Staff/child ratios are good, which enables all children to receive appropriate support and encouragement during each session. Staff use the available space well and make good use of the outside school facilities. There is a good range of toys and equipment. All relevant documentation is in place, but the daily register does not always reflect the correct number of children in attendance.

There are good policies in place in relation to the safety of the children, staff complete regular risk assessments and ensure children are safe at all times. There is a clear policy regarding the evacuation of the children in the event of a fire. The

group have good procedures for the recording of accidents, procedures to be followed if a child is taken ill and medication administered. Children's dietary needs are met well. All children are given equal access to all activities on offer. Staff have understanding of child protection procedures which is shared with parents.

Children are involved in a range of activities, opportunities and experiences, which support learning and development. Staff and children devise a programme of activities through meetings and discussions. All children have access to all activities and opportunities on offer, staff encourage their participation, giving help and guidance when required. Staff/child interaction is effective, as a result the children have 'fun' and their behaviour is good.

There is a good partnership with parents, they have access to clear policies and procedures. They are kept informed through daily discussion and the notice board about activities and other relevant information in respect of the care of their child. Parents make positive comments about the provision.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At their last inspection they agreed to submit an action plan showing how the increased number of children will be accommodated in groups size not exceeding 26 children and to extend the range of equipment to provide sufficient and suitable activities for the number and ages of children attending. The staff have designed and divided the large hall into various age appropriate activity areas and extended the range of activities and resources. This ensures children's interests and play opportunities are promoted.

They also agreed to include procedures for dealing with allegations against staff or others. They have now introduced these procedures into their child protection policy document, this is shared with staff and parents.

They were asked to confirm that gas, electrical and other appliances conform to safety requirements, these are checked on a regular yearly basis which enhances the safety of children and adults within the premises.

What is being done well?

- Staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of their role within the setting. Staff organise and utilise resources well to the benefit of the children attending the out of school link club. Children are grouped to assist in their feeling secure and confident with their carers.
- Children find the activities interesting, stimulating and fun. Children are introduced to different themes throughout the year. In drawing up activity plans staff provide a well balanced range of activities. The out of schools routine incorporates active and quiet times allowing children to engage in physical and relaxing activities.
- Staff have a good understanding of the policies and procedures relating to children's safety off and on the premises. Hygiene practices are promoted

well within the setting.

- Staff make sure they are aware of the individual needs of children. These needs are met in accordance with the wishes of parents.
- Children receive lots of praise and encouragement for good behaviour. Staff are good role models.

What needs to be improved?

- ensure the daily attendance register is accurate at all times.

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 from 1st April 2004

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
2	Ensure the daily register is accurate 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.