



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	24/01/2005
Inspector Name	Ron Goldsmith

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Oaklands PDN
Setting Address	Liverpool Road Neston Merseyside CH64 3RH

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Treetops Nurseries Limited 2538184
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Treetops Nurseries Limited
Address	69 Ashbourne Road Derby Derbyshire DE22 3FS

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

Oakland's Day Nursery is owned and managed by Dunmar Nurseries Ltd and Treetops Nurseries Ltd, a national chain of nurseries providing childcare throughout the country. Until September 2003 it was privately owned by the proprietor who originally set up the nursery in 1991. The nursery is well located to serve the Deeside areas of the Wirral, being located on the main road from Heswall to Chester, in the district of Neston. The accommodation for children is located on the ground floor with staff facilities on the first floor. There are four separate rooms for each designated age group and two outdoor play areas. The nursery operates from 8:00 to 18:00 weekdays only throughout the year. It is registered to provide care for up to 65 children aged under five, of whom no more than 24 may be aged under two. There is no overnight care provided. Sixteen childcare staff and a cook are currently deployed there. The nursery provides nursery education for funded three and four year olds as part of the Cheshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership. There are currently no children who speak English as a second language and one child who has special educational needs.

How good is the Day Care?

Treetops Day Nursery meet the standards and provide good quality care for children. The organisation of the provision generally enables the staff to work closely with the children and to offer good care and support, although staff illness had affected their ability to provide adequate cover on the day of the inspection for staff breaks. Staff organise and utilise resources well to the benefit of the children attending. All records and policies required for the safe and efficient management of the setting are accessible. However, the provision should ensure all records are stored securely to ensure effective mechanisms for confidentiality are maintained.

The nursery environment is welcoming to parents and children but is poorly maintained but in need of some basic repairs and maintenance, including the outdoor area. Resources and toys for older children are also limited, poorly maintained and/or unsafe and in need of replacement. Registration and security systems enhance children's safety and the access of visitors is monitored. Staff understand the policies and procedures relating to child protection and special needs. The setting is aware of children with special dietary needs.

Children find the activities provided interesting, stimulating and fun. Children are able to choose from play materials which are easily accessible to them. Planning for

activities takes place in advance and the setting have implemented the birth to three framework which supports the development of the very youngest children. Children have the freedom of movement to alternate from one activity base to another. Children's behaviour is good and they clearly understand how they are expected to behave within the setting.

Partnership with parents is very good, with opportunities to exchange verbal information on a daily basis and the comments made by parents about the provision are very positive.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable - first inspection.

What is being done well?

- Good use of space allowing for a greater freedom of movement.
- Staff reinforce good behaviour and help children learn to understand the boundaries.
- Children are able to select activities that interest them most.
- Space is organised to meet requirements and used creatively.
- Good working relationship with parents which supports children's welfare and development.

What needs to be improved?

- ensure that the premises are appropriately and adequately maintained.
- provide a suitable range of toys and activities, in order to meet the developmental needs of children from 3 to under 5 years and ensure that toys and equipment are clean, well maintained and safe.
- ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding hand washing and in by ensuring kitchen area is appropriately maintained

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 on.

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
4	ensure that the premises are adequately maintained.
5	provide a suitable range of toys and activities, in order to meet the developmental needs of children from 3 to under 5 years and ensure that toys and equipment are clean, well maintained and safe.
7	ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding hand washing and in by ensuring kitchen area is appropriately maintained

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.