



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	22/10/2003
Inspector Name	Stephen Graham

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Childcare Killingworth
Setting Address	Cypress Gardens Killingworth Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE12 6SL

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Childrens Services
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Childrens Services
Address	Camden Street North Shields Tyne and Wear NE30 1NW

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

Childcare Killingworth is a 60 place nursery, which caters for children aged 0 to under 5 years of age. It is purpose built and situated within a local residential estate in Killingworth, North Tyneside. It is within walking distance of the town centre. The building has been refurbished and extended to a high standard since the previous full inspection.

The nursery currently have 24 full and part time, care, ancillary and supply staff, the majority of whom are qualified to NVQ level three and above. Additional supply staff are also available if required.

The nursery is open from 7:30 to 6pm all year round offering morning, afternoon and full day care sessions. Overnight care is not provided.

The setting receives support from a teacher from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Childcare Killingworth provides a good level of care to children. The management and staff team are very experienced and qualified and have a good commitment to ongoing training and review of the service provided. The facility is well organised and welcoming with space and resources used effectively. The level of planning and programme of activities takes into account and meets the individual, age appropriate, needs of each child as they progress through the nursery. Their progress is supported, recorded and shared with parents. The level and consistency of recording was discussed and reviewed during this visit. The facility works to its operational plan, with appropriate policies, procedures and records in place.

Positive steps are taken to minimise the risk of accidents and to promote safety, both within the nursery and on outings. The staff have a good understanding of the health care needs of children and maintain appropriate procedures to ensure that these are met. The arrangements to provide food and drinks are good, and take into account the individual dietary needs of each child, including any special needs. Staff have an appropriate awareness and training in Child Protection with expected policy, procedures and contact details in place.

The nursery management and staff plan well providing social, recreational and

developmental activities that meet the needs of the children attending, including those with any special needs. The behaviour of children is managed positively and there is good communication with parents ensuring that they are fully aware of how their children are cared for and are achieving in all areas of their development.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection, following completion of the building work, the nursery agreed to make the outdoor area safe & secure. This work has now been completed providing a safe and secure area for children to play.

What is being done well?

- The majority of staff are well qualified and experienced, all are well supervised with their personal development encouraged. Specific areas of responsibility within the Nursery are delegated to key staff members.
- Planning, policies, procedures and records are used well to promote the overall organisation of the facility.
- Forward planning and regular review ensures that space and resources are well organised and effectively used to the benefit of all children attending.
- Children have access to a wide range of activities and play opportunities that actively promote their learning in all areas.
- The premises are safe and secure; staff supervise children well and manage their behaviour in a positive way.
- A balanced and nutritious range of food and snacks is provided to the children and a dedicated dining area has been created.
- The health care needs of each child are individually assessed, implemented and reviewed.
- Children with special needs are well cared for and supported.
- There are good relationships with parents and carers with appropriate exchange of information about the children.

What needs to be improved?

- Ofsted contact details should be included in the complaints procedure.

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
12	Ensure that Ofsted contact details are included in the complaints information provided to 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.