

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 27/05/2004
Inspector Name Greg Wolff

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Shining Stars Kids Club

Setting Address Mayflower Road

Chafford Hundred

Grays Essex RM16 6SA

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Dorothy Bello

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

Shining Stars Kids Club was registered in 2002. It is based at the Chafford Hundred Campus. The group has use of a large room, store room and toilet facilities. The group has use of the school playground for outside play.

The club serves the local area and provides facilities for children before school, after school and in the holiday periods.

The club opens five days a week, during term times, from 07:00 until 09:00 and from 15:00 until 18:30 and in holiday times from 07:00 until 19:00.

There are three full time and one part time members of staff working with the children, all of whom are working towards appropriate qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Shining Stars Kids Club provides satisfactory care for children.

The organisation of the setting is satisfactory and the operational plan is mostly implemented effectively by the staff. The room is used well and the children and parents are made to feel welcome. Toys and equipment are in plentiful supply and are appropriate for the activities on offer, though they need to provide further challenge for older children. Documentation is in good order, and all relevant policies are shared with all new parents.

The children are safe and secure on site. There are good procedures in place to raise the alarm in the event of an emergency, though records must be readily accessible. There are appropriate hygiene procedures in place and all staff are aware of children's medical needs. The staff mainly interact effectively with the children and get to know them all as individuals.

There is a full range of activities on offer which cater to the needs of most children. Children are mainly happy in the Club. The staff mostly take steps to ensure that all children are valued and respected and that they all have equal access to all activities. The staff use positive methods to manage children's behaviour, though not always consistently.

The staff create a warm and inviting environment. Parents are kept informed about their children's activities and staff are always available to speak to parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is Shining Stars first inspection.

What is being done well?

- Food provided takes into account allergies and any special dietary requirements which the children may have.
- Staff provide a wide range of activities which support the children's learning through play.
- Staff attend regular training which ensures that children benefit from the most up to date practice.
- Staff make good use of space, creating areas to enable a number of different activities can take place at any time.

What needs to be improved?

- the level of suitable qualifications obtained by staff
- number of staff working directly with children at all times
- staff interaction with children
- the suitability of activities provided to ensure all children's needs are met
- security of the premises
- consistency of behaviour management techniques between staff
- availability of children's records

Outcome of the inspection

Satisfactory

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
1	Ensure that Person in Charge has completed an appropriate Level 3 qualification.
2	Ensure that suitable numbers of staff are always working directly with children.
3	Ensure all staff show interest in the children; talk to and listen to them; ask questions; praise and encourage them.
5	Ensure all toys and play resources provided daily provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs of all children.
6	Ensure that outside door remains closed at all times throughout the session.
9	Ensure that all children are encouraged to take part in group activities.
11	Ensure all staff take responsibility for behaviour management to ensure consistency within the club.
14	Ensure all children's records are readily available in case of emergency.

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.