



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	29/09/2004
Inspector Name	Valerie Jean Edward

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Marmadukes Abbey Kids Club (CPW)
Setting Address	32 Sutton Road Erdington Birmingham West Midlands B23 6QL

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Marie Barfield
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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

Marmadukes Abbey Kids Club opened in 1992. It operates from one room in a portable building adjoining Abbey Primary School. The club also has use of the school's outside play area. The provision serves the children attending Abbey Primary School.

There are currently 20 children from four years to eight years on roll. Children over eight years also attend. Children attend for a variety of sessions. There are no children presently attending who have special needs or whose first language is not English.

The group opens five days a week during school term times and some school holidays. Sessions are from 08.00 hours until 09.00 hours and 15.30 hours until 17.30 hours during school term time and 08.00 hours until 17.30 hours during school holidays.

Seven members of staff work with the children. Over half the staff have Early Years qualifications to NVQ levels 2 or 3 and two members of staff are working towards a level 3 qualification. The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Marmadukes Abbey Kids Club provides good care for the children. Staff work well together as a team to provide a relaxed and leisurely environment. They are aware of safety issues and hazards have been reduced. Staff promote good health and hygiene and there are good arrangements for accidents and administration of medication.

A good range of activities to ensure children have a wide choice are provided, which includes outdoor physical play, arts and crafts, role play and quieter activities. Children are involved in decision making and there is very good interaction between the staff and the children. A wide selection of toys and play materials are available, which children can easily access.

All the children are included and their differences respected and valued. Children with special needs would be welcomed into the provision. There are very good procedures in place for behaviour management, with good behaviour being praised

and encouraged.

There is good documentation in place but the record of visitors does not always include the dates and times people visit. Information regarding staff is available, however, written details of their qualifications is not kept on site.

Staff work well in partnership with parents and they are kept well informed about the provision and their children. A warm and welcoming environment is provided for parents and children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

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

What is being done well?

- Staff work well together to ensure the children experience a wide range of opportunities in a leisurely environment.
- Excellent interaction between staff and children encourages the children to become confident and to develop self-esteem.
- Children have a wide choice of toys and play materials, which are easy to see and access.
- Staff actively promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children.
- Staff provide a friendly and relaxed environment, where parents and children are welcomed into the provision.

What needs to be improved?

- records of visitors to include dates and times
- information kept on site regarding staff's qualifications.

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 records of visitors includes dates and times.
14	Ensure written information regarding staff's qualifications is always available.

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.