



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 22/03/2005
Inspector Name Liz Corr

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Horizons Day Nursery
Setting Address 18 Kempshott Road
London
SW16 5LQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Horizons Day Nursery & Pre School

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Horizons Day Nursery & Pre School
Address 165 Hither Green Lane
London
SE13 6QF

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

Horizons Day Nursery in Streatham is one of two nurseries run by Horizon's Day Nursery and Pre-school Limited. It opened in 2004 and operates from a 2 storey purpose built premises. It is situated on a residential road close to Streatham Common Main Line Station. It operates from Monday to Friday 08.00 to 18.00 all year round, except for bank holidays, and a short break at Easter Christmas and in August. The nursery is registered to provide care for a maximum of 40 children. Currently there are 3 children on role and 3 babies will be starting after Easter.

The nursery currently employs 3 staff, the manager is undertaking recruitment processes to staff the baby room.

How good is the Day Care?

Horizon's day Nursery provides good quality child care for children.

The nursery is not fully operational at present 3 staff are working with the children at present and the manager is undergoing a process of recruitment of suitable staff to work with the new intake of babies. An effective operational plan is in place and records are stored confidentially. However not all relevant documentation includes contact details of the regulator and Ofsted have not been kept informed of changes to staff.

Staff effectively plan activities and routines for the children based on the guidance Birth to Three matters, allowing for indoor and outdoor experiences and that meet their care and learning needs.

There are good systems for observing and recording children's development and the observations are used to inform future planning. Resources reflect positive images of culture, ethnicity, gender and disability.

All necessary safety precautions are being taken following risk assessments and staff implement good hygiene practice. Good arrangements made to meet children's requirements.

There are no children attending with special needs, although the manager is experienced and keen to develop the teams skills by organising training later this year. Behaviour is managed in a consistent way, positive behaviour is valued and

the routine helps children develop sense of responsibility and to work with others. There are good systems in place to ensure that staff are able to carry out their child protection responsibilities.

Activity Plans are available for parents who are encouraged to carry through to the home setting. Reviews are regularly held with parents to discuss their child's progress.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is the first inspection since registration.

What is being done well?

- The premises are welcoming and designed to best use the space and allow for separate areas for different activities and age groups.
- Careful consideration has been given to safety and emergency evacuation procedures are carried out regularly.
- The sickness and medication policy ensures that staff act in the best interests of children when they are unwell.

What needs to be improved?

- the child protection procedure to include the regulator's details where allegations are made against staff.
- partnership with parents complaints procedure to include up to date details for the regulator,
- the precaution for safety to include suitable storage for buggies/prams and making safe the limiting potential hazards in the toddler's nappy changing area.

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.)

N/A

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
6	Ensure suitable storage of buggies/prams to minimise potential hazards to children.
12	Ensure that the parents complaints procedure contains details of the regulator.
13	Ensure that the child protection procedure contains details of the regulator where there are allegation made against staff.

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.