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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/03/2004
Inspector Name Alison Putnar

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Angels By Day Ltd
Setting Address Springfield House, Hucknall Lane
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire
NG6 8AJ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Fiona Day

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

"Angels by Day" Day Nursery became registered in 2003. It operates from a converted farm house building in the Bulwell area of Nottingham, a short walk from the new Moorbridge tram station. Accommodation is on 2 levels, the under 2's are based on the ground floor and the over 2's on the first floor. There is a safely enclosed outdoor play area. The nursery serves commuters travelling into the City of Nottingham as well as the local community and surrounding areas.

It is registered to provide full day care for 87 children from birth to 8 years. The facility is registered to receive nursery education funding for children aged 3 and 4 years old. Learning is based on the Montessori education philosophy.

The nursery is open from 07:30 to 18:30, Monday to Friday for 51 weeks of the year, closing only for Bank Holidays and for the week between Christmas and New Year. Children attend a variety of sessions each week.

There are 10 staff working with the children, 8 of whom hold a relevant child care qualification, the remaining 2 are working towards this. In addition to this, staff attend a wide variety of courses relevant to their work. The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Angels by Day (Bulwell) provides good quality care for children. The well-qualified staff team create a child friendly and welcoming atmosphere. They greet parents and children warmly, value children's work through attractive displays and provide an interesting range of toys and activities, encouraging children to settle quickly. The comprehensive induction system ensures staff are clear of the policies and procedures in the nursery and enables them to carry out their roles. Effective organisation of senior staff provides good support to those less experienced. Most records have been maintained accurately. Good opportunities are provided for staff to develop their skills through additional training. For example, child protection, first aid and supporting children with special needs.

Children are grouped accordingly in spacious, well-equipped, comfortable rooms. Staff plan a varied and balanced range of activities in all areas of the nursery. They ensure activities engage children's interests and encourage them to make developmental progress while they play. Staff have in-depth knowledge of the

children and meet individual needs with regard to sleep, feeds and rest. They appropriately spend time playing and interacting with the children, ensuring all are equally involved.

Staff supervise children well to ensure they are safe; they are vigilant about security and check that equipment is safe and suitable for the ages of children. However, some safety issues were identified at the inspection. Staff demonstrate good hygiene practice, maintaining a clean environment. They follow clear procedures in relation to nappy changing and the care or exclusion of sick children, minimising the spread of infections.

Good relationships have been developed with the parents; systems are in place to ensure that information is shared. Records relating to individual children are maintained and updated, ensuring children are cared for in line with their needs and parents' wishes.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last visit the facility agreed to take action to improve safety with regard to children in the baby room being able to access the stairs from an open door. The facility have addressed this by ensuring both staff and visitors firmly close the door to the baby room. Staff were vigilant of this during the inspection to ensure children's safety. However, as the handles are low it was felt that some children may be able to open the door themselves, as a result this remains part of a recommendation made during this inspection. The facility also agreed to ensure Ofsted were kept informed of any changes to staff working on the premises, this has been addressed effectively, ensuring all staff are vetted, ensuring their suitability to be working with children.

What is being done well?

- Rooms are spacious and have lots of natural light. Staff make good use of the space, providing children with opportunities to choose and play freely. Good organisation of storage units enable children to select equipment for themselves and also creates areas within rooms for children to play in small groups or relax quietly. For example, in the comfortable book areas.
- High quality furniture and equipment has been specifically selected to ensure the needs of all children are met. For example, the home corner in the baby room and storage units have been chosen for their low height enabling younger smaller children to reach and select toys to play with.
- Pre-school staff are particularly skilled in developing children's personal independence, many opportunities are created for children to make choices. Children are encouraged, or supported as necessary, to manage their personal hygiene in the well equipped bathroom areas and are able to serve themselves at snack time.
- Good systems keep parents well informed about the nursery policies and procedures. Staff make themselves available daily to share relevant

information with parents and provide opportunities for parents to meet to discuss their children's progress twice during the year.

What needs to be improved?

- systems of ensuring children can not leave rooms unaccompanied
- safety, with regard to children accessing the stairs and a loose drain cover
- systems of recording the times of children attendance, ensuring this is consistent and accurate.

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	Improve the system of recording the hours of children's attendance.
6	Take positive steps to further improve safety in the setting with regard to the loose drain in the outdoor play area and reviewing the current systems of preventing children from accessing areas not yet used or not safe, for example, the stairs.

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.