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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	31/03/2004
Inspector Name	Jonathon Christopher White

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Dimson Day Nursery & Kids Club
Setting Address	Lower Dimson Farm Gunnislake Cornwall PL18 9NS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Patricia French
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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

Dimson Day Nursery and Kids Club opened 19/03/1990. It operates from four rooms on two levels from a purpose built building in Gunnislake. Toilet and washing facilities are located on each level. There is a fully enclosed area available for outside play. It serves the local and areas covering a ten mile radius.

There are currently one hundred and six children from 12 months to eight years on roll. This includes twenty five funded three year olds and twelve funded four year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The nursery also supports children with special needs and who may speak English as an additional language.

Dimson Day Nursery and Kids Club opens five days a week all year round.

Sessions are from 07.30 until 18.00.

Three full time and six part time staff work with the children. Over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level 2 or 3. Five members of staff are currently working towards a recognised early years qualification. The nursery receives support from a teacher from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP). The nursery also belong to the Playgroup Learning Alliance (PLA) and Kids Club Network.

How good is the Day Care?

Dimson Day Nursery and Kids Club provides good quality of care for children. Staff are appropriately qualified and work together as a team to ensure each child's individual needs are met. Rooms are well organised warm and welcoming with a good selection of children's work displayed.

The premises provide a safe and secure environment. Staff are vigilant about maintaining children's safety inside and outside of the building. Staff promote children's personal hygiene through daily routines. Children are provided with their own individual tooth brushes. Snacks and meals are healthy and nutritious.

Comprehensive risk assessments are in place and staff have a sound understanding about health and safety procedures. Regular in house and outside training ensures all staff understand the procedures for child protection, behaviour management, equal opportunities and special needs.

Detailed plans are in evidence throughout the nursery for all age groups and are displayed and produced by Mrs French, the provider. Babies are well cared for by suitably experienced and qualified staff.

Children make progress through free play and structured activities. They are interested and motivated to learn, confident to try new and challenging activities. Role play areas are frequently used to re-enforce imagination, language and independent play.

Children have regular access to supervised outside play areas. Children are involved in various games some being child led. Information technology is readily available and used to support simple games and mathematical opportunities. Kids Club children are occupied with interesting games, painting and appropriate age-activities.

Relationships with parents are well fostered they have access to the prospectus and a detailed information pack. Good systems are available to exchange information with parents about children's development and progress. Comprehensive documentation and children's records are clear and informative.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the Nursery agreed to provide a policy for a lost or uncollected child; ensure parents sign the accident record book to acknowledge the entry; ensure hazard of water butts are made safe or inaccessible to children; include bullying in the written statement on behaviour management; ensure one wash hand basin with hot and cold water is available for every ten children over the age of two years; provide operational procedures for the safe conduct of any outings provided; ensure staff caring for children under two years have the appropriate qualifications and experience; conduct risk assessments to identify and minimize risks to children in the outdoor area including access to animals; ensure the premises are ventilated and maintained to an adequate temperature; ensure staffing ratios are maintained throughout the nursery; provide equipment and play opportunities which are easily accessible and suitable for ages of the children.

The actions required have been completed in a satisfactory way and are in line with the National Standards.

What is being done well?

- Children are actively involved with outside games often child-led. They have access to suitable outside play areas giving them opportunities to learn about the countryside and its wild life.
- Documentation is comprehensive detailed and available to parents in the reception area.
- Staff use their experience and creative skills to enable children to have fun and learn through their play.

What needs to be improved?

- the provider has plans to improve the parent communications with an active web site.

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	Continue to improve good communications with parents by the installation of an active web site.

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.