



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	28/02/2005
Inspector Name	Suzette Butcher

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Brookvale Community Centre
Setting Address	Northwich Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Halton Play Council Limited 3331471 1066784/0
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Halton Play Council Limited
Address	Play Resource Centre, 10 Mersey Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1DF

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

The Brookvale play scheme is an open access play scheme which operates in the main hall at the Brookvale Community Centre in Brookvale, Runcorn. The Brookvale play scheme is registered to provide care for up to 55 children aged between 5 and under 8 years, though children up to 12 years can attend and are included in this number. It operates for three weeks during the summer holidays and is an open access play scheme and no pre registration of children is required.

The play scheme is open for two sessions each day 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.00pm. A large range of indoor activities are offered and there is a fully enclosed area for outdoor play activities. The play scheme supports children with additional needs. Children are taken on outings and attend organised fun days.

How good is the Day Care?

There were no children present in Brookvale play scheme during the inspection but evidence shows that the quality of care is satisfactory overall. Full details of children attending are recorded to ensure adequate care is provided. The setting is warm, welcoming and well maintained with safe areas for indoor and outdoor play opportunities. Resources and equipment are provided at the start of each scheme and items are rotated around the schemes to maintain interest. Staff attend relevant training and have support from a coordinator who links the schemes. Documentation is in place with the omission of procedures for outings. Policies are shared with staff and parents and reviewed on a regular basis.

Risk assessments are completed on a daily basis to provide a safe environment for children. However, safety certificates relating to electrics, gas and fire prevention are not available for inspection. Routines are in place to promote good health and hygiene routines for staff and children. Healthy and nutritious options are promoted in the snack shop and staff are made aware of any special dietary needs. Staff are trained in matters of child protection, equal opportunities and special needs to ensure that they are aware of their duty to protect children and to promote children's individual needs.

Children are offered a choice of activities from variety of play opportunities which are appropriate for the wide range of ages and abilities. Creative activities, physical and imaginative play options are available. Children are offered a good balance of free play and organised activities. They are involved in planning and confidence and

independence is encouraged in a supportive environment. Guidelines for staff are in place to promote positive behaviour management and to offer children regular praise and encouragement.

Procedures are in place to promote an effective partnership with parents. Information about events and activities are shared with parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection it was agreed that an action plan be put in place to ensure all staff are qualified to the required standard and that Ofsted are notified of all staff clearances. Play leaders are required to have NVQ level 3 or equivalent and training programmes have been put in place for all other staff members. Ofsted will be provided with evidence of staff clearances before the summer play scheme. These actions improve the quality of service offered to children.

It was also agreed to make drinking water available for children at all times and this has been implemented with jugs of water and plastic cups providing healthier options for children.

The actions to devise special needs and child protection statements which contain all the elements required by the National Standards are in the process of being completed .

What is being done well?

- The organisation provides the setting with a leader's box which contains all the records, policies, procedures and forms which are required for the effective running of the play scheme. A coordinator visits the scheme each day to provide continuity and links with other play schemes in the area.
- Resources are circulated by the coordinator to maintain interest and introduce new ideas in the setting. Interesting and exciting activities are explored with Tops Sports bags, parachutes, badge making equipment or giant snakes and ladders and other games. Children can participate in a range of creative activities or imaginative opportunities with small world toys or role play equipment. Quiet activities with books, stories or games are available indoors or more energetic games take place in the enclosed outdoor area. Healthy options are provided in the tuck shop with flavoured water, fruit and cereal bars available.
- Children are taken on outings during the play scheme to Camelot, Blackpool or to parks in the area. A fun day is organised with children from other play schemes with games, races and other activities.

What needs to be improved?

- the availability of gas, electricity and fire safety certificates
- the operational procedure for outings.

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.)

There are no complaints to report.

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
6	Ensure that evidence of gas, electrical and fire safety checks are available to show that these conform to safety requirements
6	Provide an operational policy for outings.

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.