



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 20/10/2004
Inspector Name Kate Bryan

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name BrownLow Childcare
Setting Address Limes Avenue
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
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REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

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ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Brownlow Child Care is one of a number of day care provisions run by Kaleidoscope in Action in the East Midlands. This is a private company.

Registered in 2003 the Club provides an out of school (pre and after) care and holiday play scheme. The club operates from a mobile classroom set in the grounds of a primary school at Melton Mowbray. It has use of the main school hall and dining hall. Children have access to the enclosed grassed and hard court areas for outside play and sports activities. It serves the local community and children attending the school.

There are currently 26 children from 3 to 8 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently supports no children with special educational needs or children who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens 5 days a week during school term-times. Sessions are from 15:15 until 17:30.

There are three staff who work with the children. One has a recognised teaching qualification and two staff are currently working towards a recognised early years qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

Brownlow Childcare provides satisfactory care for children. Available space is used appropriately so that children have access to a variety of activities in specifically zoned areas of the mobile. There is also an outdoor area for children's use. The mobile is very well resourced with all equipment newly purchased, this enables children to access a good variety of activities. Policies and procedures are in place, although there is no behaviour management statement, the Special Educational Needs statement does not comply with current legislation, children's hours of attendance are not recorded, staff records were not available for inspection. Ofsted were not notified of the use of the new mobile and therefore, relevant checks with other agencies have not been implemented.

Arrangements for health and safety at the group are in place. Priority is given to maintaining children's safety and a risk assessment is in place. Child protection procedures do not comply with the Area Child Protection Procedure guidelines,

although the safety of the child is paramount. Procedures are in place for fire evacuations and equipment is checked on a regular basis which contributes to good safety measures at the group. No trained first aiders are available at present.

Very good relationships are in place between children and staff. Staff are good facilitators for children, providing activities and support and encouraging choice. Staff know the children as individuals and this provides children with a secure and happy environment.

The group works well in partnership with parents and carers who receive a range of information about children and the provision. Parents are spoken with daily and observed meetings were friendly with information shared about the children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The group has policies in place which are known by all staff, this allows a consistent service to be offered.
- Staff have a calm, warm manner with children which promotes very good relationships. Children enjoy their activities in a supported atmosphere.
- A very good range of resources are in place of which children have easy access. These are zoned into areas of the mobile so children's choice is encouraged.

What needs to be improved?

- the arrangements to ensure that at least one member of staff has a first aid qualification
- the written statement on special needs which is to be consistent with current legislation and guidance, and to ensure there is a written behaviour management statement
- the arrangements to ensure that all records relating to day care activities are readily accessible on the premises and available for inspection at all times
- the child protection procedure for the out of school club, to ensure it complies with local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) procedures and contains procedures to be followed in the event of allegations being made against staff or volunteers
- the procedures to ensure that Ofsted are notified of all significant changes to the premises and that the hours of children's attendance are recorded.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown**

Std	Action	Date
6	Meet any recommendations made by the Fire Safety Officer or Environmental Health Officer	30/11/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
7	Ensure there is at least one member of staff with a current first aid training certificate on the premises at any one time.
10	Devise a written statement on special needs which is consistent with current legislation and guidance.
11	Ensure there is a written statement on behaviour management.
14	Ensure that all records relating to day care activities are readily accessible on the premises and available for inspection at all times. Ensure that the hours of children's attendance are recorded and that Ofsted are notified of all significant changes to the premises.
14	Ensure that the child protection procedure for the out of school club complies with local Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) procedures and contains procedures to be followed in the event of allegations being made against staff or volunteers.

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.