



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	17/03/2005
Inspector Name	Kashma Patel

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	The Rowans After School Club
Setting Address	St. Columbas Church Hall Banners Gate Road Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B73 6TX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Rowans Day Nursery (4978690) 4978690
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	The Rowans Day Nursery (4978690)
Address	2 Leamont Drive Birmingham West Midlands B44 0SG

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 Rowans Out of School re-registered with Ofsted in 2004. The group is an extension of 'The Rowans' but operates from a different site address: St Columbas Church Hall, Banner's Gate, Sutton Coldfield. The group serves the children of 'The Rowans' and New Oscott School. The summer play scheme serves the local area.

There are currently 40 children from 4 to 8 years on roll. The admission policy allows for children aged 4-11 to attend. Children attend for a variety of sessions.

The out of school group opens five days a week term time only. The summer play scheme is open throughout the school holidays and staff training days, except for bank holidays. It is open from 07:00 until 18:00.

There are five staff working with the children. All staff hold early years qualifications to NVQ level 3. In addition there are named drivers who transport staff and children to and from the out of school provision.

How good is the Day Care?

The Rowans Out of School Club provides good quality care for children. Staff work together effectively to provide a welcoming and stimulating environment where, children feel safe and secure. Space is used creatively to accommodate a balanced range of activities. There is a good selection of toys and equipment; which are freely accessible, however children do not have a safe outdoor play area in the Church Hall, but are taken to local parks and the Rowans Nursery on Thursdays where a large playground is available. A good selection of outdoor activities are also planned for the holiday playscheme. Comprehensive records are maintained and stored securely.

Staff have a good awareness of children's safety and have taken steps to reduce hazards, regular risk assessments are carried out and recorded on the premises. All areas for promoting health and hygiene are good and are reinforced through the daily routine. Children are provided with regular drinks and snacks. They are provided with a two meal course meal which is healthy and nutritious. Children are involved in planning menus and activities of their choice.

Staff have a good knowledge of child protection procedures and the setting is proactive in its support of children with special needs. A broad and balanced range

of resources to promote positive images is freely available to the children and enables them to explore a variety of cultures and traditions.

Parents are warmly welcomed into the setting and staff exchange information with them on a daily basis. A comprehensive information pack is available to all parents. Information is shared with parents on a daily basis.

What has improved since the last inspection?
Not applicable.

What is being done well?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Staff provide a welcoming environment, where children are happy and settled and their individual needs are met.● Children's behaviour is good with staff providing good role models. Children were observed taking turns on the trampoline.● Children's choices are taken into consideration when planning activities, both indoors and outside.● Interaction between children and staff is very good, with staff giving children clear instructions.● Snacks are freshly prepared and nutritious. Children are involved in planning a two course menu.● Parents are warmly welcomed into the setting and staff employ a broad range of strategies to maintain an effective partnership with parents and to keep them informed of the provision.

What needs to be improved?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● the regularity of children's access to a safe outdoor play 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.)
There are no complaints to report.

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
4	Ensure all children have regular opportunities to access outdoor play.

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.