



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 26/01/2005
Inspector Name Gill Ogden

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care, Full Day Care
Setting Name Red Hen Childrens Day Nursery & Kidz Crew Out-of-School Club
Setting Address Manor House Farm
Reston Road
Legbourne Louth
Lincolnshire
LN11 8LS

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name D R Harrison Ltd 04493349

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

Red Hen Children's Day Nursery and Kidz Crew Out of School Club opened in 2004. It is privately run and operates from converted farm buildings adjacent to the owners' home on the outskirts of the village of Legbourne, Lincolnshire. There is a fully enclosed central courtyard for outdoor play which can be directly accessed from all the play rooms. There is also a further paddock area and access to a field.

A maximum of 72 children may attend at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 08:00 to 18:00 all year round except for public holidays and Christmas week. The out of school club is open 08:00 to 09:00 and 15:15 to 18:00 during school term time and 08:00 to 18:00 during school holidays. There are currently 52 children on the nursery roll and 9 on the out of school club roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions and come from a wide catchment area.

There are 11 staff employed to care for the children. Seven of them have an appropriate early years qualification and one is currently working towards a qualification. The nursery is a member of the National Day Nurseries Association and 4Children.

How good is the Day Care?

Red Hen Children's Day Nursery and Kidz Crew Out of School Club provide good quality care for children from birth to school age. Since opening last year the setting has made excellent progress in establishing its staff and organising the premises and resources to ensure children are well cared for. On the whole records are well-kept and other documentation is of a high standard.

The premises are bright, airy and well-designed for their purpose. The outdoor play space is suitable for all ages of children to use regularly. Staff pay close attention to safety and hygiene issues. Access to the premises is strictly monitored and the use of CCTV both inside and outside the building provides extra security. A high standard of hygiene is maintained and procedures are clear especially regarding the handling of animals. Children enjoy nutritious and appetising meals and snacks.

There is a wide range of quality resources which are used to support a variety of activities for all ages of children. Staff plan activities clearly against national guidance and incorporate children's interests. Children interact well with each other and the staff and enjoy the activities which are provided for them. Their behaviour is

excellent and they are able to concentrate for lengthy periods. They particularly enjoy the outdoor play opportunities they have. The key worker system is effective in all areas and especially in the baby room where close relationships with the key worker ensure the child feels happy and secure.

The partnership with parents is effective. Parents comment positively on the variety of activities, meals, the calm atmosphere and the kindness and professionalism of staff. They receive good quality information about the setting and daily updates on their child both verbally and written.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Children are provided with quality meals and snacks. All meals are prepared from fresh ingredients each day and children are offered a variety of nourishing, tasty lunches, teas and snacks. A vegetarian alternative is planned into the menu each day and other dietary needs are carefully considered.
- Activities are planned for all age groups of children. Staff have a good understanding of the foundation stage curriculum for children from three to school age and are using the Birth to Three Matters framework to plan activities for younger children and assess their development. Activities for school age children are planned to allow for the difference in after school hours and longer days in the holidays.
- Some good quality written information is provided for parents about the setting. They can also access the setting's website which includes more general information about children's health issues and dietary needs.
- Children enjoy daily fresh air and exercise in the outdoor play area. All age groups can access it easily from their rooms and children get opportunities to interact with each other across all the ages in a safe environment.
- The equipment and play materials throughout the setting are of uniformly good quality. Children are able to access them freely for themselves, even in the baby room, and the digital camera is used particularly well to promote children's self-esteem.

What needs to be improved?

- the recording of administration of medication.

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
7	Ensure parents sign the record to acknowledge that medicine has been administered to their child.

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.