



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	20/11/2003
Inspector Name	Annie Williams

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Old School Hall Out of School Club
Setting Address	Old Schools, Church Street Minster Ramsgate Kent CT12 4BX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Miss Anita Padfield
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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

Streetwise, Minster Out of School Club operates from the Old School House in the village of Minster, Kent. The Club opened in 2003 and has access to one room, toilets, and a kitchen. The club serves the local area.

The Out of School Club is registered to provide twenty places for children aged four to under eight years. There are currently eighteen children on roll. Children attend a variety of sessions each week.

The club opens five days a week throughout the year. The breakfast club sessions last from 07:30 to 08:45 and the out of school club operates 15:30 to 18:00 during term time. Children are escorted to and from school by the walking bus. The club provides snacks.

There are four staff working with the children, of whom two have appropriate qualifications. The club receives support from the Early Years Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Minster, Streetwise Out of School Club provides satisfactory care overall for children.

The staff at the club are restricted in what they are able to do, but make the hall welcoming through the use of notice board displays. Staff provide a walking bus to and from the club and children understand the rules well. The staff provide a variety of snacks for the children that they are able to choose from. The registered person has produced policies for the club, but staff have yet to develop a knowledge and understanding of them. Staffs knowledge and understanding of child protection is limited. Children and staff practice the evacuation of the building, however there is no evacuation plan and log book. Some records lack the necessary detail and there are no procedures to ensure that staff records are accessible on the premises at all times. There are no clear procedures to ensure that Ofsted are notified of changes and that staff without the necessary checks do not have unsupervised access to the children.

The routine of the club is flexible and allows children to make decisions about what activities they wish to put out. Older children particularly enjoy the sporting activities such as basketball and pool. The lack of planned activities does not ensure that

younger children are receiving a balance of activities to help them progress in all areas of their development. Staff value and encourage good behaviour, consequently the children at the club behave well.

Staff greet parents warmly. Staff are developing a new prospectus to inform parents of the provision. Parents receive regular newsletters to inform them about the provision and their children.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- Staff provide a flexible routine that enables children to make decisions about their activities. Older children particularly enjoy the sporting activities such as basketball and pool.
- Staff provide a walking bus to and from school. Children understand the rules well.
- Staff value and encourage good behaviour, consequently the children are well behaved.

What needs to be improved?

- records, policies and procedures
- planning
- staffs knowledge and understanding of child protection and the policies.

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
1	Ensure that there are effective procedures in place to ensure that unchecked people do not have unsupervised access to children.	20/11/2003
1	Notify Ofsted of any changes.	20/11/2003
6	Produce and implement clearly defined procedures for emergency evacuation of the building.	30/11/2003
13	Develop staffs knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.	01/01/2004
14	Ensure that all records relating to the out of school club activities are readily accessible on the premises and available for inspection at all times.	23/11/2003

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

Std	Recommendation
2	Develop the registration system to include the staff and times of arrival and departure.
3	Develop the planning of activities.
7	Request written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment.
14	Develop staff's knowledge and understanding of the policies.

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.