



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 23/02/2004
Inspector Name Jayne Barker

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Serendipity Day Nursery
Setting Address Oakymead Park
Newton Road, Kingsteignton
Newton Abbot
Devon
TQ12 3AN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The partnership of Serendipity Day Nursery

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

Serendipity Day Nursery opened in September 2003 in Kingsteignton, a large village on the outskirts of the market town of Newton Abbot in Devon.

The day nursery is purpose-built and has use of three rooms which accommodate children from birth to six years. There is a kitchen and toilets off the main playroom. There is a large, enclosed outdoor area to the front of the building. The nursery office is situated in the owner's own home adjacent to the nursery.

The day nursery is registered to provide 30 places for children aged from birth to eight years. This includes funded three- and four-year-olds. The registration does not include overnight care. There are currently 21 children on roll. Children can attend for a variety of sessions or full sessions each week. The day nursery is open for 50 weeks of the year Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00. Children come from the surrounding area and represent a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. Children with English as an additional language or special educational needs are welcomed into the nursery.

There are five members of staff. Three are qualified to level three and two are attending NVQ level three at present.

The nursery is privately owned and has received support from Devon Early Year's Development and Childcare Partnership to set up.

How good is the Day Care?

Serendipity Day Nursery provides good care for children.

Suitably qualified staff organise space and resources well. The premises are purpose-built and are safe, secure and welcoming. New equipment and resources create a stimulating environment for young children. Clear documentation supports the good care given.

Staff in the nursery are vigilant about safety both in and out of doors. They actively promote the health of the children. All food except a formula milk is provided by the nursery. Food is nutritious and provided in line with dietary requirements and parental wishes. Staff in the setting have clear understanding of child protection issues.

Staff have good understanding of children's ages and stages of development and plan activities accordingly; even the youngest children are encouraged to join in. Overall the nursery promotes equality of opportunity but limited resources reflect this. The nursery welcomes children with special needs and staff are keen to promote this. However, at the time of inspection knowledge and confidence in this area was limited. Staff have good understanding of ages and stages of development and behaviour management is age appropriate and consistent.

Good relationships are shared with parents. Regular exchange of information takes place and children are cared for in line with their wishes.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Staff have a good understanding of ages and stages of development and provide worthwhile age appropriate activities for children.
- Staff are vigilant about safety both in and out of doors.
- Nutritious food and drink is provided in line with parents' wishes and dietary requirements.
- Good relationships are shared with parents and children are cared for in line with their wishes.
- Clear documentation supports the good care given.

What needs to be improved?

- the range of toys to promote equality of opportunity
- staff knowledge and understanding of working with children with special needs.

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
9	Ensure that children have an appropriate range of activities and resources that promote equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice
10	Develop staff knowledge and understanding of working with children with special needs.

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.