



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 19/11/2004
Inspector Name Sandra Wickham

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name South Grove YMCA After School Club
Setting Address 37 Ringwood Road
Walthamstow
London
E17 8PW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Forest YMCA of East London 02493571 803442

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Forest YMCA of East London
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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

South Grove YMCA After School Club is one of the many out of school provisions run by Forest YMCA. It registered in 2001 and operates from the Crèche room. It is situated in the residential area of Walthamstow. A maximum of 20 children may attend the setting at any one time. The provision is opened each weekday from 15:00 to 18:00 during term time. All children have access to a secure outdoor play area.

There are currently 20 children aged from 4 to under 8 years on roll. Children attend from the surrounding catchment area. There were 16 children present on the day of inspection.

The provision employs 2 staff, but has access to other staff when required. One staff member is working towards a level 3 qualification.

How good is the Day Care?

South Grove YMCA After School Club provides satisfactory care for children. Most of the staff are qualified, work well as a team. They have developed their knowledge and understanding of childcare issues through training relating to child protection and health and safety. A named deputy still needs to be identified, and new staff vetting procedures need to be fully followed. The group offer a well-resourced environment with routines that help children feel secure and confident. Most records and documents are in place and stored confidentially.

Staff have a good understanding of health and safety issues. Good hygiene practices are evident and encouraged in children. Staff are first aid trained and clear procedures are in place should a child become ill. The premises are safe and attention is given to children's awareness of potential dangers. Staff have a very good understanding of how to implement equal opportunities in practice and develop children's awareness for differences. Children with special needs are welcomed and a positive inclusive environment is encouraged to develop all children, and additional training on Disability Awareness is planned. Children are involved in setting their own behaviour boundaries and respond well to staff guidance. Staff have a sound knowledge of child protection issues.

Age appropriate play materials, activities are available within the provision and good use is made of outside play resources. Staff know the children well and support is

given to help them develop good relationships with each other. Interaction from staff is good and children mix and play together well. Good opportunities are provided for children to expand and develop their sense of responsibilities, and self help skills.

Parents are given daily feedback on what their child has been doing. The group's policies and procedures are readily accessible to parents

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable

What is being done well?

- Staff have a good understanding of equality issues and a commitment to an inclusive environment for all parents and children.
- Staff have a good understanding of management of behaviour that takes account of children's age and stage of development.
- Good health and safety routines are in place to safeguard children's welfare.
- Staff have good relationships with parents. They work together to ensure consistency in the children's care.

What needs to be improved?

- the systems for notification of changes to Ofsted and the systems to ensure the suitability of staff
- nomination of a named deputy.

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.)

Not applicable

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 | | |
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| Std | Action | Date |
| 1 | Make sure notification of significant changes to Ofsted and the systems to ensure the suitability of staff are implemented | 19/11/2004 |

| The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection | |
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| Std | Recommendation |
| 2 | Provide Ofsted with details of the named deputy. |

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.