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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 26/03/2004
Inspector Name Barbara Law

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Fisherfield Farm Children's Day Nursery
Setting Address Edinburgh Way
Rochdale
OL11 2PD

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name David & Nicola MacGill

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

Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd, Edinburgh Way, has been registered since May 1999. It is housed in a converted single storey building in the Sudden area of Rochdale, close to motorway networks. There are three outdoor play areas, two of which have soft impact surface areas. The Nursery is part of the Fisherfield Farm Nursery Group, owned by David and Nicola MacGill. The person in charge on a day to day basis holds appropriate qualifications in Early Years Childcare and has several years experience in this field, she aims to be involved in the general running of the Nursery, having input with the children on a regular basis. She is assisted by a Deputy, who also holds appropriate qualifications. There are sixteen additional childcare staff, nine of whom are qualified in the childcare field, four are working towards a qualification and the remaining three are experienced child care workers. A cook, qualified to City and Guilds standard is employed, a domestic worker and a Nursery Handyman. Nine of the staff hold a current first aid certificate. An Area Manager offers remote support and guidance. The Nursery is registered to provide care for 94 children and currently has 88 on roll. Most 3/4 year olds are in receipt of Early Years funding. One child has an identified special need.

Swimming lessons are offered to children for an extra charge are available on request. French lessons are provided for each pre school child. 'Playmakers' offer weekly physical development sessions to every child over two years.

The Nursery is open Monday to Friday from 07:30 to 18:00 closing for Bank Holidays and over the Christmas and New Year periods.

The Nursery has it's own website which is available to the public on line.

How good is the Day Care?

Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd (Edinburgh Way) provides a good standard of care. The rooms of the Nursery are well organised to facilitate the different ages and stages of development of children. Within these, the staff are deployed to maximise on their skills and experience to best meet the needs of the children, whilst ensuring that adult child ratios are maintained. The Nursery has an effective induction programme for staff, this enables staff to define their roles and responsibilities and develop their confidence. A keyworker system is in operation and ensures that children are regarded as individuals and their needs known and met by staff. This helps children to feel safe and secure.

The Nursery has a range of policies in relation to the safety and well being of the children and staff, though an area of practice has been identified for further attention. There are routines in place for each of the rooms including set times for eating, sleeping and playing, this further develops children's sense of security, safety and confidence. Mealtimes are in the designated rooms and staff sit with the children, this provides a social atmosphere. Meals are prepared by a qualified cook and provide a well balanced diet for the children. Good hygiene practices are maintained in relation to the appropriate storage and serving of food. Resources within the nursery promote equality of opportunity for all children, staff awareness of the nursery policy enhances this further and provides an inclusive environment for children.

The Nursery offer a range of activities to the children that promote their learning, development and well being. They maximise on the available space both indoors and out.

There are effective systems in place for the sharing of information with parents, including parents evening and a notice board . A web site is available to parents, this can be accessed on line.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the previous inspection two actions were raised, these were; a policy for lost/ uncollected children and prior written permission for the emergency treatment of children. Both of these have been addressed and provide a safer environment for the children.

What is being done well?

- The Nursery organises space and staff well to best meet the needs of the children and provide them with a broad range of play and learning opportunities.
- A key worker system is in place. This ensures that children are shown due regard and respect and their individual needs known.
- Staff are aware of the clear policies in place which underpin the practice. This helps to ensure the safety and well being of the children.
- There are a range of food choices available to the children which meet all dietary requirements and promote healthy eating, mealtimes are social events where children chatter freely and exercise choice over foods and quantity. They interact with staff and each other.
- Staff have experience of working with parents and other agencies to meet the needs of children, this helps to provide consistent care and promote good working relationships with parents.
- A clear policy is in place to support behaviour management. Appropriate strategies are used for all children

An aspect of outstanding practice:

A good staff induction programme was seen to be in place, staff able to talk confidently about their roles and responsibilities within the Nursery.(Standard 2)

What needs to be improved?

- the recording of staffing details in each of the room registers in addition to the global staff register.

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
2	Ensure that staffing details are included in room registers.

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.