



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	11/11/2003
Inspector Name	Susan Janet Lee

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	Tinytots Playgroup
Setting Address	Church of Nazarene Great Clowes Street Salford Lancashire M7 1ZQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Tinytots Vision Limited 4274208
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Tinytots Vision Limited
Address	St James House Pendleton Way Salford Lancashire M6 5FW

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

Tinytots play group opened in 1998. It operates from The Church Of Nazarene, Great Clowes Street, Salford. The setting is registered to provide care for a maximum of 26 children. There are currently 12 children on roll. The provision is open Tuesday to Friday from 09:30 to 12:00, during term time. The manager of the play group is Jane Lysaght. She holds an appropriate early years qualification.

Tinytots crèche has recently been added to the registration. It operates on the same premises as the play group. The crèche is registered to provide care for a maximum of 15 children. It operates as and when required to care for children, whilst their parents attend courses on site. The manager of the crèche is Andrea Jones. She holds an appropriate early years qualification.

Eight staff are available to work with the children at both the play group and the crèche. Three staff have early years qualifications to level 3. The rest of the staff are currently working towards an appropriate early years qualification.

The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Tinytots play group provides good quality care for children. Staff develop good relationships with children to help them feel secure. Good use is made of space. Records are well organised.

The premises are maintained to a satisfactory standard. Most areas are safe. However, a recommendation is made in relation to the heating system. Staff exercise good hygiene practices. Children learn about personal hygiene through daily routines such as washing hands at appropriate times of the day. A good variety of snacks are offered to children to promote healthy eating. Staff have a basic awareness of the child protection procedure.

Children are engaged in a range of interesting activities. Staff support children in their play and interact with them at every opportunity. Staff use observations of children to inform planning. Staff are currently developing their own system for recording planning and evaluating activities. Staff form good relationships with children. New children are settling well. Positive behaviour is praised and

encouraged.

Staff build good working relationships with parents. Effective systems are in place for keeping parents informed about the provision and their children's activities.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the provider agreed to make the radiators safe and to extend resources that reflected diversity. Guards have now been fitted to the radiators, however, heating pipes are accessible to children in some areas. Play materials that reflect a diverse community have been enhanced.

What is being done well?

- Space is well organised, areas of continuous provision accommodate active and quiet activities. There is a good range of resources available at child height. Children explore the environment and confidently select toys of their choice, developing their independence.
- Staff know children well and meet their needs successfully. Children have opportunities for adult led and child initiated play. Language and mathematical thinking are well supported through discussion of play activities. Staff are spontaneous with children, they follow children's play directions.
- Staff have a clear understanding of the behaviour management policy. They are consistent in their approach. Staff use please and thank you, manage minor altercations skilfully and guide children in turn taking and sharing.

What needs to be improved?

- safety, regarding the accessibility of heating pipes
- staff's awareness of child protection procedure.

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	
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Std	Recommendation
6	Minimise hazards to children indoors.
13	Develop knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.

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.