



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	20/01/2005
Inspector Name	Samantha Hunt

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Childcare 4 U
Setting Address	Farm House Crown Lane Marlow Buckinghamshire SL7 3HL

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The partnership of KP Richardson-Scarfe and A Richardson
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### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	KP Richardson-Scarfe and A Richardson
Address	T/A Childcare 4 U Farm House, Crown Lane Marlow Buckinghamshire SL7 3HL

## 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

Childcare 4 U is a privately owned day nursery. It opened in 2003 and operates from a modernised grade 2 listed building. It is situated in the centre of Marlow in Buckinghamshire. A maximum of 49 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 07.30 to 18.30 for 51 weeks of the year. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.

There are currently 53 children under 5 years on roll. Of these 6 children receive funding for nursery education. Children attending come from the local surrounding area.

The nursery employs 14 staff. Ten of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications. Four staff are working towards a qualification.

### How good is the Day Care?

Childcare 4 U Nursery offers a good quality of care. The nursery is a warm ,welcoming and child friendly environment and there is an outside play area which all children have access too. Staff are well deployed and ratio's are maintained . Comprehensive documentation is in place, some minor adjustments need to made to the systems currently in place for recording the staff attendance and location. Effective procedures for staff induction ensure staff show a good awareness of all policies.

Staff demonstrate a good understanding of health and safety and there are good procedures in place to ensure children remain safe. However positioning of the toilets means that children are not always able to have their own privacy when using them. Children are provided with a healthy well balanced menu and all individual needs are catered for. Staff demonstrate a clear understanding of behaviour management, they are good role models and children's behaviour is very good. Staff show a good awareness of procedures for child protection.

Children have access to a good selection of toys and resources, which are age appropriate and safe. Children are able to self -select toys and activities to undertake. The children appear happy and settled in their environment. Staff have regard for children's stages of development when planning activities. Children interact well with one another and show regard for all around them. Staff encourage children to take part in all activities and all children have equal access.

Good partnerships with parents are fostered and staff welcome parents in a friendly and professional manner. Staff work effectively with parents to ensure individual needs are met. Parents receive all policies and procedures prior to starting and are given lots of information about their child's day both written and verbal.

**What has improved since the last inspection?**

Not applicable

**What is being done well?**

- Children are happy and settled within the nursery. Staff interaction is good and ratios are maintained. Children and parents are made to feel welcome and children are shown care and affection.
- Staff show a good awareness of policies and procedures in place with regard to behaviour management. Staff are good role models and children's behaviour is very good.
- Children have access to a good range of activities and experiences to aid their development.
- The nursery is well resourced and equipment is well maintained and stored. The nursery works well in partnership with parent/carers and good documentation assist in this process.
- Documentation regarding all policies and procedures is excellent. Procedures to ensure staff are kept up to date with them is effective.

**What needs to be improved?**

- promotion of children's privacy and dignity when using the toilets
- the registration system for recording the location of staff

**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.)**

There are no complaints to report.

**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 arrangements for recording staff attendance and location are clear.
4	Ensure children's privacy and dignity is maintained when using the toilets.

## **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.*