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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	17/07/2003
Inspector Name	Veronica Sharpe

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	New Croft OSC
Setting Address	Chedworth Street Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB3 9JF

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mrs Anna Gomori-Woodcock
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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

New Croft Out of School Club is a private provision owned and managed by Mrs Gil Clasby. The club operates from the community rooms at Newnham Croft Primary School in Newnham, Cambridge and serves mainly children who attend Newnham Croft Primary School. Children have the use of a large group room, toilets, kitchen and enclosed play area. They also have use of school facilities including a hall and playing fields.

The group accepts up to 32 children aged 4 to 11 years; there are currently 42 children on roll. Fifteen children have English as an additional language and there are several children who have identified special needs.

The group is open from Monday - Friday 15:10 - 17:30 term times, this year it will also offer full day care for two weeks in the school summer holidays from 09:00 - 17:00.

There are currently four staff members working with the children, three of whom have early years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

New Croft Out of School Club provides satisfactory care for children.

Staff provide a wide range of interesting and stimulating activities that contribute to children's development. Good organisation ensures children have opportunities to experience the full range of activities. Rooms used by the children are light and bright; pictures, photographs and posters contribute to the attractive and welcoming environment.

Children enjoy relaxed and informal meals where they have opportunities to try a wide range of multi-ethnic foods that reflect the diverse cultures of the children who attend. Healthy eating and good hygiene practice is promoted. Children's safety is satisfactory, however, at times, staff are not always vigilant, particularly in the outdoor play area.

There is a good partnership with parents and carers. Parents are welcomed into the group and obtain information through newsletters, a parent's notice board and daily discussions with staff. Documentation is satisfactory.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the group was asked to devise an administration of medication policy; to keep a record of medication and obtain parental consent to administer medication. These actions have been completed to ensure children are kept safe and parents are informed.

The group was also asked to update policies and devise a child protection policy. All policies have been updated, child protection is included, and are available for inspection.

What is being done well?

- Staff provide a wide range of interesting and stimulating activities that contribute to children's development. Good organisation ensures children have opportunities to experience the full range of activities.
- Children enjoy relaxed and informal meals where they have opportunities to try a wide range of multi-ethnic foods that reflect the diverse cultures of the children who attend. The organised cooking activity helps children to develop their skills and confidence thereby promoting their self esteem.
- Children from many different backgrounds are successfully included and supported; staff demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the children in their care.
- Staff ensure parents are well informed, parents are welcomed into the group and exchange information about their children daily.

What needs to be improved?

- the admissions policy, to reflect ages of children admitted and group size;
- the procedure to be followed in the event of a child being uncollected;
- sharing of policies and procedures with parents;
- written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment;
- the risk assessment, to minimize potential hazards particularly in the outside play area and the playhouse.

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 should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
2	ensure admissions policy includes ages of children admitted and group size.
6	review the risk assessment on the premises to minimize potential hazards particularly in the outside play area and the playhouse.
7	request written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice or treatment.
12	ensure policies and procedures are effectively shared with parents.
14	devise procedure to be followed in the event of a child being uncollected.

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.