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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 29/09/2003
Inspector Name Sue Anslow

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Kidsunlimited nurseries
Setting Address Clairmont House Nursery
126 Gravel Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 6EG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries
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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

Clairmont House, Kidsunlimited Day Nursery opened in 1983. It operates from six rooms in a two storey house and two separate single storey buildings on the same site in Wilmslow and serves the local area.

There are currently 154 children from birth to five years on roll. This includes a number of funded three and four year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports children with special needs and children who speak English as an additional language, but there are currently none on roll.

The nursery opens five days a week all year round, except bank holidays. Sessions are from 07:30 to 18:00.

Twenty five full time and part time staff work with the children. Over half the staff have early years qualifications to NVQ level II or III. Four staff are currently working towards a recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from an advisor from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP). Kidsunlimited employ an early years teacher full time on their staff and include in the core curriculum baby yoga, baby signing, soccer tots and French.

How good is the Day Care?

Kidsunlimited Nursery at Clairmont House provides satisfactory care for children.

The nursery is organised with an experienced management team and suitably qualified staff who are offered further training and development as required. Although at the time of inspection the main building was undergoing refurbishment, it had been organised to provide minimum disruption. Staff based in each group room provide consistent care, however there is no assigned member of staff for each child. There are clear policies and procedures which are followed and understood by staff.

Supervision of children is good and staff take reasonable steps to ensure the environment is safe, hygienic and secure, although some changes to practice were recommended and staffing over the busy lunchtime period needs further consideration. The dietary needs of all children at the nursery are well catered for. Meals and snacks are varied and nutritious using fresh ingredients whenever possible.

The children enjoy a wide range of well planned activities and have access to a good selection of toys and play materials, which promote their learning and development. Staff generally support the children's learning well. They manage the children's behaviour well and enjoy warm relationships with them. Positive behaviour is praised and independence encouraged. The children are happy and confident.

Partnerships with parents are valued and their wishes respected. Parents are kept informed of their child's progress and life in the nursery in general, both verbally and in writing.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- This is a well organised nursery with an experienced management team who run regular staff meetings and staff appraisals. Records are kept efficiently and policies clear and comprehensive. Good systems in place for covering staff absences.
- The planning for children is good, promoting all areas of learning and development. There is a full range of activities provided, using natural and manufactured play materials. Plans follow themes throughout the year and children's progress is observed and recorded for parent's information.
- Staff skilfully manage a range of children's behaviour in a calm and sensitive manner, taking into account children's individual levels of understanding. Good behaviour is praised and encouraged which helps children feel secure and confident. Children respond positively to clear guidance and frequent praise.
- The meals and snacks provided are healthy and nutritious, using fresh ingredients wherever possible and prepared daily in the nursery kitchen. Food is presented attractively and children are allowed to eat at their own pace. Individual dietary needs are catered for well.
- The relationships and communication with parents is good, with staff taking every opportunity to keep parents informed about their child and what is going on in the nursery. Appropriate records are kept and shared with parents

What needs to be improved?

- the hygiene practices with regard to mealtimes.
- further consideration needs to be given to respecting both the privacy and dignity of children when using the toilets.
- all the staff's understanding of the importance of asking children appropriate questions to promote learning, language and imagination.

- the allocation of a key member of staff within the child's group who is mainly responsible for their well being on a daily basis and liaising with the parents.
- staff to child ratios, particularly over mealtimes to ensure sufficient staff are available to support young children when eating.
- the arrangements for the security of children in the preschool room and the storage of cleaning materials in the portakabin.

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 that staff to child ratios are maintained at all times.
2	ensure all children are assigned a key person within their group.
3	ensure all staff have an understanding of the importance of asking children questions to promote learning, language and imagination.
4	give further consideration to your arrangements to ensure the privacy and dignity of children using the toilets.
6	ensure cleaning materials are inaccessible to children.
6	review arrangements to keep children secure in the preschool room.
7	review hygiene practices at mealtimes.

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.