



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	25/02/2004
Inspector Name	Paul Martin Kitchen

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Boomerang Safeplay Centre
Setting Address	Unit 2/4, Harrier Court, Merlin Way Bowerhill Melksham Wiltshire SN12 6TJ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Mr Gary Cooke
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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

Boomerang Safeplay Centre is situated on the light industrial estate at Bowerhill, near Melksham and serves the town of Melksham and the suburb of Bowerhill. The after school club and holiday play scheme operate in the school term from 15:15 hours to 18:00 hours, and in the school holidays from 08:45 hours to 15:00 hours each day. No overnight care is provided. The provision operates from its' own rooms within the centre and children have access to the climbing equipment under supervision. There are currently 16 staff available none of whom are currently qualified.

Boomerang caters for children from toddlers to teenagers and offers supervised after school care and holiday playschemes for children from five to eight years, as well as opportunities for parents to stay to be responsible for their children on the soft play equipment.

How good is the Day Care?

Boomerang Safeplay Centre provides satisfactory quality care for children.

Ofsted has been informed about relevant changes and matters since the last inspection. The person in charge and the staff are not qualified, but good ratios of staff to children are maintained. The environment is welcoming, clean and well maintained, however, the playroom is not of adequate temperature and there is no outdoor play area. There is an extensive range of toys and equipment available for this age range of children registered. All the children's records are secure, stored appropriately, and available for inspection.

Children are kept safe by constant monitoring of their care. There are sufficient staff on duty at all times who are qualified in first aid, however there is scope to improve the children's hygiene routines. Drinks are regularly available for children from jugs situated in the playroom. Some food available is healthy and nutritious. All children have equal access to all the toys and equipment. Staff ensure that all children are able to participate in the activities as far as possible. A comprehensive child protection statement is published for staff and parents.

There is a wide range of indoor play activities for this age range of children. Staff fully discuss the centre's behaviour management policy with parents.

Confidentiality is maintained by keeping children's records private, however, there is currently no complaints procedure available for parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the manager was asked to:

Write an equal opportunities policy including how to implement it.

Write a special needs statement including how it will be implemented.

Write a child protection statement including how it will be implemented.

Submit an action plan detailing how the staff qualification level which is required, will be met.

A written equal opportunities policy is now in place and fully implemented successfully. A special needs statement has now been published and implemented successfully, and staff are fully aware of it. A child protection statement is now in place.

A training and qualification action plan is in place and two staff started a level three course in September 2002. There have been delays in enrolling staff on suitable level two courses as there is a shortage of assessors.

What is being done well?

- Good ratios of staff to children are maintained.
- There is a wide range of indoor play activities for this age range of children.
- Children are kept safe by the constant monitoring of their care.
- All children have equal access to all the toys and equipment.

What needs to be improved?

- the manager's and staff qualifications
- the children's comfort with regard the temperature of the play room
- the partnership with parents regarding a written complaints procedure
- the children's health and hygiene regarding handwashing procedures and healthy eating.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
12	make available to parents a written statement that provides details of the procedure to be followed if they have a complaint	05/03/2004

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

Std	Recommendation
4	Ensure that the premises are maintained at an adequate and comfortable temperature
7	Ensure children wash their hands prior to eating and after using the toilet
8	Ensure all food supplied is healthy and nutritious
1	Ensure that there are effective procedures in place for checking that staff are suitably qualified and experienced to work with children

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.