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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 07/12/2004
Inspector Name Lynn Reeves

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Creche Day Care
Setting Name Corals Health and Fitness Club Crèche
Setting Address Orchard Road
Hove
East Sussex
BN3 7BG

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Coral Stadia Ltd

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Corals Health & Fitness Club Crèche has been registered since 1998. It is owned by Coral Stadia Limited and operates from a room within the Corals Health and Fitness Centre located within central Hove in East Sussex.

A maximum of 12 children may attend at any one time aged 0 to 5 years. The crèche opens 09.00 until 12.15 and 13.00 until 15.15 Monday to Friday and Saturday 09.00 until 12.15. The children have access to an activity room and separate toilet facilities.

There are 8 staff employed, 5 have recognised early years qualifications and 1 is at present undertaking relevant training.

How good is the Day Care?

Corals Health & Fitness Club Crèche offers good quality care for children. Space and resources are used effectively to allow the children to move freely and independently. Children are provided with a bright, clean, and warm environment. Colourful posters and children's work are displayed on the walls, which help children to feel welcomed and settled. Children are provided with a good range of toys, furniture and equipment, which are set out at low level, suitable and safe. A good range of written policies are in place, however, some minor details are missing on the required documentation.

Good safety procedures are in place. Staff wash toys, resources and equipment on a regular basis and children are encouraged to wash their hands after toileting, however, hand washing is not promoted before eating snacks. Procedures are in place to support children with special needs. Staff are able to recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and are fully aware of the child protection reporting procedures.

Staff demonstrate a good understanding of developmental needs of the children. Children enjoy their play and receive help, support and guidance from well deployed staff. Toys and materials promote equality of opportunity, staff ensure children can access all provisions to meet individual needs. Good behaviour management techniques are in place.

Staff promote positive, professional working relationships with parents and discuss issues regarding their child's care and welfare during daily verbal handovers.

Parents receive detailed information about the setting via the prospectus, policies, newsletters and notice boards.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable

What is being done well?

- Staff deployment is effective, high ratios are maintained to ensure children receive a lot of care and attention. Children are able to access the toys which are laid out on the floor, on low tables and storage areas.
- Staff are deployed effectively and are vigilant about children's safety; they complete written risk assessments, which are reviewed and evaluated. The provision is kept secure and there are effective procedures in place for the safe arrival and collection of children.
- Staff build strong relationships with the children, offering them lots of support and encouragement. They interact well by sitting down at the children's level, giving them lots of good eye contact to keep them fully involved in their play.
- Unwanted behaviour is dealt with effectively; staff act as good role models and remain calm and consistent in their methods, they give clear explanations to enable children to learn what is acceptable.

What needs to be improved?

- hygiene procedures, regarding hand washing at snack time
- the implementation of a system to record visitors.

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.)

Since the 1 April 2004 Ofsted has not received any complaints about this provider.

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
7	Ensure good hygiene practices are in place regarding hand washing before snacks
14	Implement a system to record the attendance of visitors

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.