



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 05/11/2003
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SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Playzone at Christ the King
Setting Address Allport Road
Bromborough
Wirral
Merseyside
CH62 6AE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Playzone at Christ the King
Address Christ The King School
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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

Playzone at Christ the King provides an Out of School Care service in Christ the King R.C. Primary School in Bromborough, it registered in 2002.

The service provides for children attending the school and is registered for no more than 32 children aged between four and eight years. The service operates Monday to Friday each week day from 07.45 to 08:50 and 15:00 to 17:45.

Three of the staff have child care qualifications and two staff are undertaking training relevant to their roles in the setting.

Playzone at Christ the King Out of School Day Care use the hall in the school and will on occasions use the Rainbow area and the library within the schools. The children can use the toilets in the school adjacent to the hall and playroom. The children have the use of the paved and grassed areas in the school playground.

Playzone are part of a quality assurance scheme Aiming High.

How good is the Day Care?

Playzone at Christ the King provides good quality care for the children. The staff are committed to undertake training to enhance their childcare skills

The out of school club makes a welcoming setting with the toys laid out invitingly and the children's art work displayed. The space is well used, the room being divided into specific play areas such as the quiet area for reading. The children have access to a wide range of activities during the session but new children may not be aware of alternatives available for them. All necessary documentation is in place and kept up to date.

The premises are clean and well maintained and good measures are in place to ensure the safety of the children at collection time. The children are well supervised during the session and regular risk assessments are carried out. Staff have obtained relevant information about the children in order to meet their individual needs. Adequate snacks are provided and drinks are easily accessible throughout the session. Staff have a knowledge of child protection procedures but do not have up to date local guidance neither have they done any recent training in this area.

Staff create a friendly relaxed atmosphere where the children feel welcomed. They

plan a good variety of activities which they know the children will enjoy. Interaction between staff and the children is good with the children behaving well.

Good written information is provided for parents. Staff obtain the necessary authorisations and information about the children from parents, thus ensuring that the children's individual needs are met.

What has improved since the last inspection?

This is the groups first inspection.

What is being done well?

- Staff plan a wide range of exciting activities for the children which are age appropriate and include all children.
- The quality of the interaction between the staff and children is good. The staff are interested in the children's conversations and expand their ideas.
- The safety of the premises is good with effective systems in place for the safe collection of children. Staff are vigilant about the children's safety during the session and carry out regular risk assessments.
- Staff work in partnership with parents, sharing information with them on a daily basis. They provide them with some good written information about their service.

What needs to be improved?

- The staff's up to date knowledge of child protection
- the information for children with regards to toys available
- the confidentiality with regards to the accident book and the incident book.

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
4	Ensure that the children are aware of alternative activities available for their use.
7	Ensure accident recording remains confidential.
11	Ensure that incident recording is kept confidential.
13	Develop staff's up to date knowledge and understanding of child protection issues.

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.