



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	07/01/2004
Inspector Name	Gerry Simonds

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	Noahs Ark Weston
Setting Address	High Street Weston Bath BA1 4BX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Noahs Ark (Weston)
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Noahs Ark (Weston)
Address	High Street Weston Bath Avon BA1 4BX

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

Noah's Ark Pre-school is a privately run group situated in an old Victorian school loft conversion and has it's own parking and access. It has a pre-school room, kitchen, large entrance area, toilets and outside play space, the group are also able to use the large hall downstairs. The pre-school group is located in Weston in Bath.

The pre-school is registered to provide 20 places for children aged between three and five years. Fourteen children are on roll including 9 funded 3 and 4-year- olds.

The pre-school is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday weekly during school term times. Sessions last from 9.30am to 12pm. Also registered to open Wed and Thursday afternoons. 12.30pm to 3.00pm.

Four part-time staff and five supply staff will be available to supervise the children. Three members of staff have early years qualifications, the Manager is a qualified teacher . The setting is supported by the Early Years Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Noah's Ark Pre-school provides good overall care. Staff are well qualified, willing to undertake training, and interact well with children. There is a good operational plan which guides staff clearly so that they know what they should be doing and good organisation is evident. Ratios are good and the daily register is well kept. A pleasant environment is provided which is very clean and of good size. Appropriate equipment and toys are also provided, children are well stimulated and equipment is in good condition. All relevant policies and procedures are in place and paperwork is well kept.

Positive steps are taken to keep children safe and all staff are aware of safety policies and procedures. Good health is promoted and children are reminded about hand washing and nose blowing. All staff hold first aid qualifications and are aware of the health and safety policy. Staff provide drinking water at all times and snacks are appropriate and healthy. Dietary requirements are recorded. This group have good understanding of equal opportunity and child protection issues and all children are given good individual attention. Festivals such as 'Diwali' are celebrated as well as Christian festivals. Children with special needs are well supported with one to one attention when necessary.

Activities are varied and children have plenty of choice. Staff interact very well with the children, supporting those who need extra help and questioning effectively. Mathematical language is particularly well extended. There is a very positive ethos within the group and children are well behaved.

Parents are very happy with the provision, they are well informed, very involved and make very positive comments. Parents are able to come and discuss the child's progress and see children's records. Staff liaise well with all parents but particularly well with parents of children with special needs.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection there were two issues about the safety in the smaller room, for example uncovered electrical sockets and items left around by other users of the room. The group decided to cover sockets and check the room before use. Therefore this has improved since the last inspection. This room, however, is not now available for use by the group.

What is being done well?

- The ethos within the setting is very positive, relationships are good all round, staff work well as a team.
- Staff interaction with the children is very good and staff use good questioning skills.
- All children are valued and given good individual attention.
- There is a good operational plan and documentation is good, all staff know from this what they should be doing and what is expected of them.
- Staff have good understanding of equal opportunity issues.

What needs to be improved?

- the addition to the child protection procedure to inform Ofsted of any child protection issues.

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
13	Ensure that the child protection policy mentions informing Ofsted.

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.