



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 15/10/2003
Inspector Name Peter Bolton

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name The Fellowship Of St. Nicholas School's Out Club
Setting Address The Robsack Community Centre
Bodiam Drive
St. Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex
TN38 9TW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Fellowship Of St. Nicholas

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name The Fellowship Of St. Nicholas
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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

School's Out Club, Robsack Community Centre, is one of four such clubs run by the Fellowship of St Nicholas, a local children's charity which has been in existence for over 60 years.

The club operates in two rooms on the first floor of a large community centre where it also has access to a kitchen and toilets. There is a large sports hall on the ground floor, which is used for physical activities. There is no outdoor play area.

The group opens on five days a week during term time. Sessions are from 15:15 to 18:00. A play scheme also operates on the premises during school holidays

Four members of staff normally work with the children. Three of these have or are working towards a suitable qualification and three have a first aid qualification.

The Fellowship of St Nicholas is a member of Kids Club Network and has gained a level three accredited quality assurance certificate, which it is currently renewing.

How good is the Day Care?

The Fellowship of St Nicholas School's Out Club, Robsack Community Centre, provides satisfactory care for children.

Staff work to an agreed set of policies and procedures which they understand and largely implement, though aspects of record keeping and the sharing of information need some attention. The Fellowship of St Nicholas is committed to staff training.

The staff team works closely with children for most of the time and there are generally good relationships between adults and children. Staff encourage and expect good behaviour but this is not always achieved. Children tend to be boisterous, particularly towards the end of the session, and staff are not always sufficiently vigilant to nip potentially troublesome situations in the bud.

The main rooms used are on the first floor of a large community centre and are shared with other groups, such as a local pre-school. One of the rooms is not as tidy and orderly as it could be, though both rooms are clean and have good natural light. Staff use the space provided in the two large rooms to provide a varied programme to children, but the range of activities offered does not keep all of them interested and occupied throughout the session.

Relationships with parents are good. They receive regular newsletters and clear information about the club's activities and procedures. Parents' comments on questionnaires, however, suggest that many are not sufficiently aware of the club's complaints procedures.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Children take part in a wide range of activities. They can choose many of their games and activities and take decisions about what they do.
- Staff generally interact well with children and have good relationships with them.
- There is a good partnership with parents and the playscheme provides them with a lot of information.

What needs to be improved?

- procedures to ensure that records of all fire drills are available for inspection at all times;
- arrangements to ensure that all members of staff are aware of children's allergies and dietary requirements;
- the information provided to parents regarding the complaints procedure;
- vigilance of staff so as to anticipate and better deal with instances of boisterous behaviour.

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
8	ensure that, having recorded information about children's special dietary requirements/allergies,these are shared with and clearly understood by all staff
11	ensure that staff are sufficiently vigilant so as to anticipate and deal with incidents of boisterous behaviour
12	make available to parents a written statement that provides details of the procedure to be followed if they have a complaint
14	ensure that all records relating to day care activities are readily accessible on the premises and available for inspection at all times

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.