



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	09/12/2003
Inspector Name	Barbara Law

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Full Day Care
Setting Name	Holiday House Nursery
Setting Address	Holiday House Sandbrook Park Sandbrook Way Rochdale OL11 1SA

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd
Address	Fisherfield Farm Hargate Avenue Rochdale Lancashire OL12 6BT

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

Holiday House Nursery is part of the Fisherfield Farm Nursery Group, It is a managed facility operated by Fisherfield Farm Nurseries Ltd, primarily for the headquarters of MyTravel UK Ltd, with any surplus places being offered to the general public. The Nursery is situated on the Sandbrook Park retail business complex, close to Rochdale Town Centre and the M62 motorway.

They are registered to provide care for 55 children, there are currently 72 on roll. One child is identified as having special needs. Most 3/4 year olds are in receipt of Early Years funding.

The Nursery occupies part of the ground floor of the premises, can accommodate up to 55 children aged from 3 months and is open for business from 07:45 until 18:00 Monday to Friday, closing for one week between Christmas and New Year and all statutory bank holidays.

A secure well equipped area is available for outdoor play and includes an interactive wall, soft impact surfaces as well as paved and grassed areas.

The person in charge on a day to day basis holds a BTEC National Diploma in Childhood Studies. She has worked for the group for the past four years and has been manager since November 2002. She is helped by her deputy, who also holds Early Years qualifications and has experience of working with young children. Of the remaining fifteen staff, twelve hold recognised Early Years qualifications, two are working towards this and the remaining one, although not qualified, has 26 years in the child care field. Nine of these staff hold a relevant first aid qualification. The group employ a qualified cook and a cleaner.

The Nursery have their own website which is available to the public on-line.

How good is the Day Care?

Fisherfield Farm Nursery Ltd (Holiday House) provides a good standard of care. The rooms of the Nursery are well organised to facilitate the different ages and stages of development of children. Within these, the staff are deployed to maximise on their skills and experience to best meet the needs of the children, whilst ensuring that adult child ratios are maintained. A key worker system is in operation and ensures that children are regarded as individuals and their needs known and met by staff.

This assists children to feel safe and secure.

The Nursery has a range of policies in relation to the safety and well being of the children and Staff.

There are routines in place for each of the rooms including set times for eating, sleeping and playing, this further develops children's sense of security, safety and confidence. The Nursery also employs additional features to ensure the security of children. Mealtimes are in the designated rooms and staff sit with the children, this provides a social atmosphere. Meals are prepared by a qualified cook and provide a well balanced diet for the children. Good hygiene practices are maintained, however, recommendations have been made to develop the practice further.

Resources within the nursery promote equality of opportunity for all children, staff awareness of the policy enhances this further and provides an inclusive environment for children. The Nursery offers a range of activities to the children that promote their learning, development and well being. They maximise on the available space both indoors and out.

There are effective systems in place for the sharing of information with parents. A web site is available to parents, this can be accessed on line.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection actions were raised, these related to a risk assessment for the chair harnesses and written material, for medical consent and the procedure to be followed if a child was lost or uncollected. These have now been addressed and this provides a safer environment for the children.

What is being done well?

- The Nursery organises space and staff well to best meet the needs of the children and provide them with a broad range of play and learning opportunities. Staff are aware of the clear policies in place which underpin the practice. This helps to ensure the safety and well being of the children.
- There are a range of food choices available to the children which meet all dietary requirements and promote healthy eating, mealtimes are social events where children chatter freely and exercise choice over foods and quantity. The children interact with staff and each other and present as happy, confident and secure.
- Staff have experience of working with parents and other agencies to meet the needs of children, this helps to provide consistent care and promote good working relationships with parents.

An aspect of outstanding practice:

The comprehensive range of information for parents and its availability (Standard 12)

What needs to be improved?

- the practice of all staff when preparing food with regard to wearing protective clothing.

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 that staff preparing food comply with local environmental health department guidance and regulations.
4	Ensure that there are accessible handwash facilities available to the children toilet training.

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.