



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	26/03/2004
Inspector Name	Bharti Vakil

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Notting Hill Adventure Playground
Setting Address	Venture Centre 103a Wornington Road London W10 5YB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Venture Community Association 02178614 1073115
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Venture Community Association
Address	Venture Centre 103A Wornington Road London W10 5YB

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

Notting hill Adventure Playground is based in the Venture Community Centre in Ladbroke Grove area. The Adventure Playground first opened in 1958. It is run by the management committee of the Venture Community Association.

Notting Hill Adventure Playground provides out of school, open access play facilities mainly for children from the local community. The setting has use of the adventure playground as well as indoor play area.

During school term times it opens Tuesday to Friday from 15:30 to 19:00 hours and on Saturday from 11:00 to 17:00 hours. In the school holidays it opens from Monday to Friday from 11:00 to 18:00 hours.

There are currently 30 children from 5 years old to under 8 years old on roll. The setting is also attended by children up to 15 years old. It supports children with special needs and those who have English as an additional language.

There are six staff who work with children; this includes the person-in-charge and two staff who provide cover as and when needed. One staff has completed two year's course work in Youth and Community Work and is currently attending a diploma course. A second staff member has completed one year course in Youth and Community Work and is currently attending a diploma course. Two other staff have completed National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Play work level 2 training and are awaiting external assessment.

As well as English one staff speaks Arabic and one staff uses sign language.

How good is the Day Care?

Notting Hill Adventure Playground provides a satisfactory standard of care. This inspection focused mainly on the after school care for children five to eight years old.

The setting provides a range of structured activities, free play options and outings which include visits to places of interest. Activities are organised to encourage the children to make their own choices, staff are available to offer help and direct play as needed.

The staff work well together as a team and supervise the children appropriately. Most of the staff have suitable qualifications and experience. There are opportunities

to further their knowledge and skills through training courses. Staff provide support for children with special needs, who are integrated into most activities.

The setting has the necessary safety precautions in place. It undertakes an annual Health and Safety check and the safety issues raised at the recent inspection are being addressed. During the inspection, I observed staff to be deployed effectively. This is an open access scheme, which requires the staff to be vigilant and to pay particular attention to the safety and welfare of the children.

Children are well behaved and are made aware of the setting's behaviour code. Staff are confident in their management of children's behaviour.

The policies and procedures of the setting are thorough. The required documentation is kept and maintained. Parents are provided with written information about the setting and they are required to complete a registration form before their child first attends.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Since the last inspection, the setting has developed a written risk assessment and regular checks are carried out indoors as well as on the outdoor play equipment.

The setting has developed a written procedure for administration of medication. Parents are required to complete consent forms, in order to administer prescribed medication to their children. This gives the parents and the staff clear guidelines on what procedure will be followed when necessary.

There is now a procedure in place for recording of significant incidents. This would assist the provider to respond appropriately to any concerns should they arise.

The setting now maintains a written record of all visitors. This is a mandatory requirement.

What is being done well?

- The staff provide a relaxed and welcoming environment to the children. Staff are vigilant about children's safety and welfare. Children like the activities on offer and say they have fun at the setting.
- The setting ensures parents provide them with written details about their children's individual needs. Parents are kept informed about the provision by use of news letters; written parental consent is sought for any off site activities.

What needs to be improved?

- procedure for keeping Ofsted informed about significant changes, including staff changes within the required time period. This is a mandatory requirement.

- arrangements should be made for providing space or area for children who wish to play quietly or relax
- ensure that the outdoor equipment is kept and maintained as recommended by the Health and Safety Assessor. This would ensure that the equipment is maintained to the required standards and children can play in a safer environment
- information about children's dietary needs should be listed on a separate sheet and made available for staff preparing and serving food. This would ensure no child is served with food they are restricted to due to medical or other reasons.

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 must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
1	notify Ofsted of any staff changes, before the event wherever possible. Where this is not possible inform Ofsted within 14 days of the event. The information should include person's date of birth, full name, any former names or aliases used by them and home address	26/03/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
1	ensure that all adults working with the children return the completed DC2 forms to Ofsted
4	provide rest areas for children who wish to relax or play quietly
6	ensure that the outdoor play equipment is maintained as recommended by the Health and Safety Officer

8	ensure there is a suitable written procedure in place for recording and meeting children's individual dietary requirements
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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.