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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 27/07/2004
Inspector Name Tracy Maria Clarke

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Arty Party
Setting Address Endlesham Church Hall
Balham
Balham
SW12 8JL

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Arty Party Limited 04148589

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Arty Party Limited
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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

Arty Party has been registered since 1997 and is one of three similar holiday settings operated by the same registered person.

Arty Party takes place within one of the halls of the Balham Community Church, and is situated within close walking distance of Balham High Street and it's associated shops and transport links.

Arty Party aims to provide children with the opportunity to undertake a vast range of art and craft activities, under the guidance and support of experienced and trained staff. Children are also offered fun and games within the outdoor play space. The facility operates during school holidays only from 09:00 to 15.30, Monday to Friday. Arty Party is registered to care for 30 children aged from 4 years. Most children who attend live locally and children are brought to and collected from the site by parents/carers.

Five staff work at the facility, two whom hold a relevant teaching qualification and one whom holds a Montessori Diploma. The manager is working towards a National Vocational Qualification Level 3 in Play work. All staff have experience in caring for children and have Fine Art qualifications or experience.

How good is the Day Care?

Arty Party provides good care for children.

Staff create a welcoming environment for parents and children by displaying art work and by positioning themselves on the door, to meet and greet parents and children as they arrive. Parents complete written information about their children's needs, and this is used effectively by staff to ensure children's needs can be met. Parents can settle their children for as long as necessary, and staff put good systems in place to encourage children to make friends on the first day. Documents are well maintained and the majority of staff are suitably experienced and qualified in both caring for children and delivering an art based curriculum. However, the induction procedure for new staff is not formalised.

Staff encourage children's good hygiene practice and provide a safe and clean environment for children. Effective use is made of space to ensure children have room to create and design, and to access the outside play area. Risk assessments

are generally effective, although recent refurbishment of the hall has resulted in the smoke alarm and fire fighting equipment not being suitably positioned to aid effective use.

The staff plan a wide and varied range of activities to encourage children in their creative art work and design. A full range of resources and equipment are available for children to discover, and they are encouraged to use different applicators, techniques and materials to create on a 2D and 3D scale. Children are encouraged to appreciate different artists and to develop their creative skills. They discover how to use cultural resources and techniques from around the world. Children are well behaved and staff involve them fully in putting together the rules of the group, so that everyone is aware of what is expected of them. Children and staff interact positively with one another and there is clear evidence that children enjoy their time at the setting.

The staff team work well with parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Two actions were made at the last inspection, both which have been met.

Since the last inspection a policy has been drawn up regarding children who may become lost, and the emergency evacuation procedure is displayed and practiced by staff and children every week.

What is being done well?

- Staff create a fun learning environment in which children are able to fully express themselves through art. Children are encouraged to use a wide range of differing techniques and resources to fully extend their creativity and design making skills.
- Children interact very well with staff, and are fully aware of the expectations of the group. They are promoted in their independence, with staff enabling them to agree rules for behaviour, and to make decisions about the resources they will use.
- Staff promote equality of opportunity through the activities they plan and the resources they provide. Children are introduced to artists, materials and resources from around the world, and learn to appreciate different cultures through art work.
- Staff ensure children's safety when they leave and arrive at the group, through their vigilance and the effective procedures they deploy. They encourage children to make friends through the play opportunities offered and the positioning of children around the art table.
- Staff are very experienced in providing a range of activities which promote art appreciation. All staff have relevant Fine Art qualifications, and most staff hold appropriate childcare and teaching qualifications. High staffing ratios ensure children are given good levels of support.

What needs to be improved?

- the induction of new staff
- the appropriate positioning of the smoke alarm and fire fighting equipment

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
2	revise the current induction procedure to ensure that all new staff are inducted effectively
6	ensure that the smoke alarm and fire fighting equipment is positioned effectively and that this equipment is checked during routine risk assessment

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.