



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	09/03/2005
Inspector Name	Chris Banks

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Peel Centre After School Club
Setting Address	Peel Centre Percy Circus London WC1X 9EY

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	Peel Institute 3389572 1068155
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### ORGANISATION DETAILS

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Address	Peel Centre Percy Circus London WC1X 9EY

## 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

The Peel Centre after school club and holiday play scheme for children aged between 7 and 11 years was registered in 2004.

It is based in a community project in the WC1 area of Islington and operates 3 days a week during term time. Opening hours on Wednesday are from 16:00 to 18:00 and on Tuesday and Thursday from 16:30 to 18:30. When funding allows, holiday play schemes operate from 09:30 - 17:00. There are currently 37 children on roll in the after school club. Of these, 9 are aged 7 years.

Facilities for children comprise a ground floor playroom and games hall. There is also a small enclosed outdoor play space and Coram Fields is within easy walking distance.

The management committee employs 3 staff to work with the children. Two are suitably qualified in Play Work and also hold valid First Aid certificates.

### How good is the Day Care?

The Peel Centre after school club provides a good standard of care for children.

Shared premises are secure, bright and well maintained with good standards of hygiene throughout. Facilities for children are reasonable and space is relatively well organised.

Clear, well documented policies and procedures relating to children's health and safety are effectively put into practice by the small well deployed staff team. They take good practical safety precautions and ensure children are well supervised at all times. Staff are knowledgeable about Child Protection issues but do not inform parents about their responsibilities in this area.

The small number of 7 year olds are happily integrated into the mixed age range setting and are confident and well settled. They are strongly encouraged to share their views with staff and are actively involved in decision making. Good behaviour is valued and encouraged and children relate well together. Children are provided with poor quality snacks and are able to use a vending machine for snacks. This limits the choice for nutritious snacks.

The flexible play programme provides children with a reasonably varied choice of

indoor activities that includes good opportunities for physical free play, sports and group games. Children are able to self select from an adequate range of well cared for equipment.

There are well established relationships with parents and staff are open and welcoming in their approach. Information about individual children's needs is effectively gathered and record keeping is of a good standard. Parents are provided with basic written information about the service.

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

not applicable

#### **What is being done well?**

- children are informally consulted about the types of activities they would like included in the play programme and also regularly complete satisfaction surveys

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- arrangements to ensure parents are informed about the role of staff in protecting the welfare of children
- the overall quality of snacks to ensure they are more healthy and nutritious.

#### **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
8	ensure children are provided with a choice of more nutritious snacks
13	ensure parents are informed about the role of staff in protecting the

	welfare of children
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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.*