



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 08/07/2004
Inspector Name Marie Therese Hall

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Leasowe Adventure Playground
Setting Address Oxley Avenue
Leasowe
Wallasey
Wirral
CH46 1RU

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name . Wirral Borough Council

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

Leasowe Adventure Open Access scheme operates from the two ground floor halls within Leasowe Adventure Centre. The outdoor play area is registered as part of the service.

The service is registered for 200 children. Children aged between five and 14 years can attend. The service operates term time Wednesday to Friday 15:30 to 19:30 hours, Saturday and Sunday 10:30 to 12:45 hours and 14:30 to 17:30 hours. During the school holidays the times of operation are Wednesday to Sunday 10:30 to 13:30 and 14:30 to 17:30 hours.

Four members of staff work with the children.

How good is the Day Care?

Leasowe adventure playground provides satisfactory care for the children.

The adventure playground is currently being refurbished therefore resources are restricted. However, the staff showed resourcefulness and the children were fully occupied. The organisation of record keeping is satisfactory with only minor omissions. Training, including induction, is available to all staff. The manager is still waiting to complete his level three qualifications.

Children are generally well supervised with hazards identified and isolated both indoors and out. Staff are vigilant about children's safety. Children with special needs are fully included within the setting and are supported by staff. Staff encouraged appropriate hygiene practices with the children although in some bathrooms there were insufficient paper towels.

The staff have good relationships with the children and support them well in their play. Children are actively involved in planning of the activities. Children are given opportunities to be creative and imaginative. Indoor play space is well organised to ensure children have access to a range of activities

The group endeavour to keep parents informed through creative use of various forms of communication.

What has improved since the last inspection?

A number of actions were raised at the last inspection. Most have been dealt with satisfactory. The main issues related to record keeping, policy documents and information shared with parents. There is now clearer information about child protection procedures and incident recording. There is now a more detailed parents brochure giving information about policies on accidents, illness, child protection, behaviour, equal opportunities, and complaints. A system has been devised to record visitors to the premises. Criminal Record Bureau checks have been completed for all staff.

There continues to be problems in organising the qualification of the person in charge, the ratio of children to staff and the obtaining of the food hygiene certificate.

What is being done well?

- The staff have good relationships with children helping them to feel secure and confident.
- The children's sense of ownership of the club is promoted and they are encouraged to take part in planning activities and choosing what is to be purchased for the club.
- Play space and resources are well organised.

What needs to be improved?

- the attention given to ensuring good hygiene practices regarding paper towels
- the numbers of staff on duty at each session
- the qualification of the person in charge
- knowledge of food hygiene.

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
2	Ensure correct adult / child ratios are maintained at all times.	08/07/2004

The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
1	Develop and implement an action plan that sets out how supervisors will achieve a level 3 qualification.
8	Develop staff's knowledge and understanding of food safety and food hygiene.

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.