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in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 11/08/2003
Inspector Name Patricia King

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Crafty Kidz Club
Setting Address Woodcote School, Willowbrook Close
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Leicestershire
LE65 1JX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Elaine Blunt

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

Crafty Kidz Club opened in September 1997. It operates from the main hall of Woodcote School in Ashby de la Zouch in Leicestershire, and serves children attending this school and several others in the local area.

There are currently 47 children from 3 to 8 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting currently supports a number of children with special needs. At present support is not required for children who speak English as a second language. The group opens 5 days a week during term time from 15:00 to 18:00 and daily from 08:00 to 17:30 in school holidays.

Staff working with children are an Out of School Manager, together with a Deputy and Assistant on a regular basis; other staff are from a pool of staff from a full day care setting in Ashby. All staff have appropriate early years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Crazy Kidz Club provides satisfactory care for children. The premises are well maintained and welcoming. Staff use space well to provide an appropriate range of toys and activities to meet the individual needs of children. Realistic expectations and good behaviour management procedures, promoting use of praise and encouragement, encourage children to value and respect others.

Children are encouraged to have good standards of hygiene and self-care. An appropriate variety of meals is offered by arrangement with parents.

Partnership with parents is well maintained with excellent communication which enables parents to be informed and included in the care and welfare of their children in accordance with the aims of after school care. Most of the required documentation is in place.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection action the Registered Person agreed to improve the safety and security of the premises and procedures for the safe journeys to and from the setting. The security of the premises is good and appropriate procedures have been implemented for journeys to and from the setting. Visitors to the setting are supervised.

Policies have been developed to include behaviour management but the complaints procedure still does not include the contact details for Ofsted.

What is being done well?

- Staff are very aware of children as individuals and provide a good variety of activities and play opportunities to make sure children develop according to the aims of a setting for out of school care.
- Accessible space is organised creatively to offer an appropriate variety of toys, activities and opportunities for the care of children out of school.
- An appropriate variety of food is provided in partnership with parents to meet the children's daily dietary needs.
- Good policies and procedures inform and support staff to promote acceptable behaviour with positive attitudes and use of praise and encouragement.
- Good partnership with parents ensures that individual needs are identified, parents are informed and included in the care and progress of their children.

What needs to be improved?

- the procedures to deputise in the absence of the person in charge;
- the safety of the main hall by making the storage area in accessible to children;
- meet any recommendations made by the Fire Safety Officer;
- meet any recommendations made by the Environmental Health Officer.

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

Std	Recommendation
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4	improve the safety of the main hall by making the storage area inaccessible to children;
6	make sure that you meet any recommendations made by the Fire Safety Officer;
7	make sure that you meet any recommendations made by the Environmental Health Officer.

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.