



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	18/11/2004
Inspector Name	Shirley Amanda Wilkes

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Sessional Day Care
Setting Name	OULTON ABBEY PLAYGROUP
Setting Address	OULTON ABBEY CHURCH LANE, OULTON STONE STAFFORDSHIRE

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Committee of OULTON ABBEY PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE 230096
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	OULTON ABBEY PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE
Address	3 St. Johns Avenue Oulton Stone Staffordshire ST15 8UD

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

Oulton Abbey Playgroup opened in 1970. The group has sole use of a single storey building, which adjoins Oulton Abbey. There is a fully enclosed area for outside play.

The group is open from Monday to Friday 09:00 to 12:30 term time only.

There are currently 25 children on roll who attend a variety of sessions.

There are four members of staff who work directly with the children, more than fifty percent hold childcare qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Oulton Abbey Playgroup provides good care for children. A warm and welcoming and safe environment has been created for children. Staff are deployed well and children are grouped effectively, which has a positive impact on the care of the children. Most documentation is maintained but medication records are not in place if needed and not all children's records contain emergency contact details. Policies and procedures are in place and shared with parents. However, not all of the procedures contain all of the relevant information.

Staff pay good attention to health and safety and children are encouraged to practise good hygiene routines. Healthy nutritious snacks are provided. All staff know the children well and ensure children's individual needs are met, children's independence and self-esteem is encouraged through daily routines such as toileting. All staff have a satisfactory awareness of child protection procedures.

A broad range of toys and art and craft activities is provided to help children make progress. However, the opportunities to take part in table top games and adult led activities are limited. Children are encouraged to self-select toys and are encouraged to help tidy away toys and equipment after use. Children play well together, showing interest and enjoyment in their play. Children's behaviour is managed in a consistent manner, with good behaviour being acknowledged.

Relationships with parents are good. The staff make time to speak to parents daily about their child's progress and development. Parents are welcomed into the playgroup and are kept well informed about activities through newsletters and parents notice board.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection it was agreed that staff would attend first aid training, all staff have now completed first aid training.

What is being done well?

- A warm and welcoming environment has been created for children.
- Space is well organised and children are able to access play areas and resources freely.
- Staff are consistent in promoting children's good health. They encourage children to follow good hygiene routines.
- Staff know the children well and develop good relationships with parents.
- Parents are kept fully informed about the playgroup and their children's progress.

What needs to be improved?

- opportunities for the children to take part in table top games and adult led activities
- children's records to ensure all relevant details are recorded
- child protection procedures to include procedure to be followed if an allegation was made against a member of staff.

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
3	Increase the opportunity the children have to access table top activities.

14	Ensure all paperwork is maintained and contains the relevant information.
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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.