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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 21/05/2004  
Inspector Name Gillian Sutherland

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care  
Setting Name Great Sutton Nursery  
Setting Address Alvanley Road  
Great Sutton  
Ellesmere Port  
Merseyside  
CH66 3JZ

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Tina McNally

## 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

Great Sutton Day Nursery has been registered under the present owner since 2003, although the nursery has been registered for many years prior to this date. It operates from designated premises within the Great Sutton area of Ellesmere Port. Great Sutton Day nursery serves children from the local area.

There are currently 50 children from birth to five years on roll. This includes 13 funded three year olds and five funded four year olds. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports children with special needs and also children who speak English as a second language.

The group opens five days a week all year round. The nursery is open from 07:30 to 08:00.

Thirteen staff work with the children. All of the staff have a recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

### How good is the Day Care?

Great Sutton Day Nursery provides satisfactory care for children.

The space throughout the nursery is adequate for the number of children the nursery is registered for. It meets the needs of the children in the different age groups. All of the staff employed at the nursery have a recognised childcare qualification. The play space is very well equipped with toys and resources which are all appropriate for the age groups of the children who attend the nursery.

There is a comprehensive health and safety policy at this nursery. Generally all areas are safe, although there are one or two issues which need addressing. The staff at the nursery ensure that the individual needs of each child are met whilst they are attending the nursery. The nursery policy regarding meals ensures that children are provided with meals and snacks that are healthy, nutritious and that the snack and lunchtimes are enjoyable, social occasions for the children.

There is a wide and varied range of age appropriate toys and resources available in each area. The activity programme is planned to ensure that all children can freely access which activity they want to participate in. The varied range of toys and resources includes many which reflect positive images of culture, ethnicity, gender

and disability. The activity programme also includes the celebration/acknowledgement of different festivals. The nursery have their own self enclosed outdoor play area which is used for outdoor play activities, weather permitting.

The staff working at the nursery ensure that the individual needs of each child are met whilst they are in their care. This is achieved by the parents identifying such needs prior to admission. Staff look at their practices and policies to ensure those needs are met. The nursery has a set of policies but they need reviewing and revising to ensure they comply with the National Standards for Full Day Care.

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

Not applicable

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

- Topic work and children's art and craft work is attractively displayed throughout the nursery. A key worker system is in operation in the nursery and each parent is introduced to their child's key worker. The staff in each room/area ensure that the children have access to a very wide and varied range of age appropriate toys and resources. The children are able to access these toys and resources freely.
- Meticulous planning of the activity programme is undertaken by the staff. The activity plans/programme is on display in each room/area for the staff to refer to. Parents are able to look at and discuss the activities with the staff.
- Arrangements for security at the nursery are appropriate. There is an intercom system for parents and visitors entering this nursery. Staff ensure that the times of arrival and departure for each child are noted in each of the room registers.

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

- storage for toys and books within the playrooms, to ensure they do not pose a danger to the children present. sleeping arrangements for the toddlers, to ensure that staff can gain immediate access to each child safely and quickly
- radiators in the playrooms, to ensure they are adequately protected and do not pose a danger to the children present
- staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues, to ensure that all staff are aware of the procedures that would be followed if there were any concerns
- policy documents that underpin the running of the day nursery, to ensure that they are reviewed and revised and become working documentation.

**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
4	Ensure that they toys are stored in such a way that they do not pose a danger to the children playing in that area.
6	Ensure that the radiators in the children's rooms are covered adequately to ensure children's safety.
12	Revise the complaints policy to ensure that it includes the name, address and telephone number of the regulatory body.
13	Develop staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection issues. Ensure that the child protection policy is reviewed and revised in accordance with guidance from the local Area Child Protection Committee.
14	Review and revise all the nursery policies to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the National Standards for Full Day Care.

## **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.*