



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 25/05/2004
Inspector Name Susan, Esther Harvey

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Smart Zone Club
Setting Address The Mobile - St Sampson's Junior School
Bath Road, Cricklade,
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN6 6AX

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Smart Zone Club DC0946C

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Smart Zone Club
Address St Sampsons Junior School, Bath Road
Cricklade
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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

Smart Zone Club Holiday and Out of School Club opened in 2001. It operates from a mobile in the grounds of St. Sampson's Junior School, Cricklade. It serves the local area.

There are currently 34 children on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The club has an inclusive policy which supports children with special needs, and children who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens 08.00 to 09.00 and 15.00 to 18.00 during term time, and 08.00 to 18.00, as well as flexible hours by arrangement, during the holiday period.

Ten part-time staff work with the children. Over half the staff have appropriate qualifications to level 2 or 3. Other staff are working towards a recognised qualification. The setting receives support from Bright Horizons.

How good is the Day Care?

Smart Zone Club provide good care for children. The staff work well together as a team. Ten staff members work with the children, six have a recognised qualification, several are working towards a qualification, and all are experienced in the care of children. The organisation of the club enables staff to support the children both inside the building and outdoors at all times, and a clear routine assists in the setting being used appropriately. Documents are maintained to a high standard.

The staff have a good understanding of safety issues, and all areas of health and protection have been addressed. Children are provided with the opportunity to have regular drinks and are given a choice of snacks, especially during the holiday play scheme.

The staff provide the children with an excellent range of play materials and resources which varies at regular intervals and links in with planned activities. The staff have a sound understanding of equal opportunity and child protection issues. However there is scope for improving information to parents as they are not made fully aware of the regulator's details. The staff are experienced in the care of special needs children who are integrated well into the club. There is a detailed behaviour management policy and children respond well to praise and encouragement.

Staff keep parents fully informed of what happens in the sessions, and clear policies

and procedures are made readily accessible to parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection Smart Zone Club management were asked to ensure written permission to seek emergency medical treatment or advice for the children from parents is provided; to maintain and incident record book; provide a written procedure in the event of an allegation being made against staff member or volunteer; maintain a record book for medication administration; and to ensure the pond does not pose a hazard to children.

Smart Zone Club management have improved record keeping by providing written consent from all parents, a record book for incidents and medication and producing a procedure in the event of an allegation made against a staff member or volunteer. The safety of children has been increased by protecting the pond with a fence.

What is being done well?

- The operational plan for the club has been fully covered by a wide range of well documented policies and procedures which work in practice; this enables children to remain safe, well cared for, and confidentiality maintained.
- The experienced and qualified staff ensure that children's needs are fully met, by providing an excellent range of planned activities and resources which are stimulating and enjoyable, in order for children to develop their imaginative and practical skills in a warm and welcoming environment.
- The environment is bright and colourful, information is displayed attractively which ensures that parents and children are made welcome.
- Staff have a sound understanding of all issues relating to safety, and the detailed risk assessment ensures that priority is given to the well being of the children at all times.
- Parents are provided with information from a variety of sources which includes a regular newsletter, and a parent pack that covers the National Standards in relation to the policies and procedures of the club. This ensures that a sound partnership is maintained for the benefit of all the children.

An aspect of outstanding practice:

Smart Zone staff provide a valuable service for all children, but with a special emphasis towards children with specific needs. They have strong links with other professionals and ensure that the children are well supported during their time in the club. Staff offer a wealth of imaginative play experiences for the children who are able to extend many skills within their capabilities.

What needs to be improved?

- information to parents with regard to the regulator's details.

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
12	Provide parents with the regulator's details in the event of a complaint being made.

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.