



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 30/03/2004
Inspector Name Sharon Waterfall

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Forge House Nursery
Setting Address Clifford Forge House, Clifford Road
Clifford Chambers
Stratford-upon-Avon
Warwickshire
CV37 8HW

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Freshfields Nursery Schools Ltd

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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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

Forge House Nursery opened at its current premises in 1998 and is in the rural village of Clifford Chambers, approximately one and half miles outside Stratford Upon Avon. It is based in a converted coach house with extensive grounds and gardens. The children use three classrooms on the ground floor, split into appropriate age groups. The nursery serves the surrounding rural villages and nearby town.

There are currently 68 children under three years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The setting supports children with special needs, and who speak English as an additional language. The setting is open Monday to Friday from 07.30 to 18:30, 51 weeks of the year.

Fourteen full and part time staff work with the children. A majority of staff have an appropriate early years qualification to levels 2 or 3. Another is currently working towards a recognised early years qualification. The setting receives support from the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

How good is the Day Care?

Forge House nursery provides satisfactory care overall for children aged 0-3 years. The environment is organised to support children's learning and provides a warm welcome for the children attending.

Staff have an appropriate awareness of ensuring children are safe within the premises. Risk assessments are completed for the premises and any outings undertaken. Although there are many effective procedures in place to safeguard the children's welfare, one written procedure requires more detail.

Children's dietary needs are well catered for through the provision of well balanced and nutritious meals.

The children engage in a wide variety of interesting and stimulating activities that are planned in line with the Birth to Three Matters curriculum. They are separated into relevant age groupings enabling staff to provide well-planned activities, taking into account the ages and individual abilities of the children. The staff spend time directly supporting the children's play and engaging them in conversation.

The keyworker system is used well to gain knowledge of the children's needs. The

staff support children with special needs and ensure they are fully included within the activities. The children respond well to the positive behaviour management and staff's consistent expectations.

Good relationships are fostered with parents; they receive daily feedback from staff and more formally through parent's evenings. They are also given opportunities to comment on the provision of care. Although all relevant documentation is being held, some policies and procedures require expansion and the regulator requires some updated information.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the provider agreed to include the child protection policy within the induction process, clear up litter and berries in the gardens, ensure accessible electric sockets have covers and to display the registration and insurance certificates.

All these have now been completed, staff read the child protection policy as part of their first weeks induction, litter and berries are cleared from the garden, socket covers are fitted to all low level electric sockets and the registration and insurance certificates are displayed in the main foyer.

What is being done well?

- The setting provides very nutritious and well-balanced meals throughout the day. They have received local awards for the healthy content and variety. Children's individual dietary requirements are well catered for.
- The children are encouraged to access resources and activities independently throughout the sessions. Activities are planned for each age group that aids their development in all areas; staffs support the children with their learning through constant interaction and conversation.
- The keyworker, planning and assessment systems ensure all children are included and their individual needs are met.
- The children respond well to the positive attitudes of the staff and their expectations. The atmosphere is relaxed and welcoming.

What needs to be improved?

- the recording of children and staffs' hours of attendance on a daily basis
- the informing of the regulator of changes to the premises or their use
- reduction of children under two years with regard to minimum space standards
- the obtaining of a confirmation signature from parents when medication has been administered
- the expansion of the child protection policy to include a procedure to be

followed if an allegation is made against a member of staff.

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
4	Ensure Ofsted are informed of any significant changes to the premises or their use.	30/03/2004
4	Provide an action plan stating how and by what time scale minimum space standards will be met for children under 2 years.	14/04/2004

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

Std	Recommendation
2	Ensure children and staffs' hours of attendance are recorded on a daily basis.
7	Ensure parents sign the medication record to confirm that they have been informed of any medication administered to children.
13	Expand the child protection policy to include a procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff.

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.