



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 10/09/2003
Inspector Name Helen Eaves

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name The Activity Club - Willington
Setting Address The Old Schoolhouse
Castle Way, Willington
Derby
Derbyshire
DE65 6BT

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The partnership of The Activity Club

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name The Activity Club
Address 4 Tailby Drive
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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

The Activity Club Willington opened six years ago. It operates from The Old School in the village of Willington in Derbyshire and serves the children and families who attend the local schools.

The Out of School Club is registered to provide care for 45 children aged from 3 to under 8 years. There are currently 100 children from 4 to 11 years on roll. Children attend a variety of sessions. The group welcomes and supports children with Special Needs and children who speak English as an additional language.

The group opens 5 days a week, all year round, except Public Bank Holidays. Sessions are from 07:30 to 09:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 term time and 07:30 to 18:00 in the holidays.

Fourteen part and full time staff work with the children. Four have recognised early years qualifications. Five staff are currently on a training programmes. Activity Club Willington is a member of Kids Club Network.

How good is the Day Care?

Activity Club Willington provides good quality care for children aged under 8 years.

Good use is made of space, time and resources. There are clear routines that help children to feel secure and confident. There are effective policies and procedures in place which are applied by staff and most documentation is available.

Staff are active in promoting good health and hygiene and most safety aspects are satisfactory. Children's individual dietary requirements are effectively met. There are clear child protection procedures in place.

Staff engage in children's play and conversation, offering assistance and encouraging independence where appropriate. Children interact well with staff and are praised and encouraged for positive behaviour.

Staff and parents have established good relationships. Parents receive appropriate information about their child, the provision and it's policies. Parents have access to their children's records. Children are cared for in accordance with parents wishes and there are good opportunities to talk to staff on a regular basis.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- Staff make good use of space, time and resources. There are clear operational procedures in place to help staff to work consistently and children to feel secure and confident in the setting.
- Children have good opportunities to engage in a broad range of age appropriate activities which support their language, imagination and creativity. Staff interact well with children, encourage play, assisting or promoting independence where appropriate.
- Staff have developed good relationships with parents and children are looked after according to parents wishes. Important documentation is made available to parents and information is shared on a regular basis.

What needs to be improved?

- ensure that the temperature of the hot water does not pose a hazard to children
- the availability of the provision's lost and uncollected children procedure.

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
6	ensure that the temperature of the hot water does not pose a hazard to children
14	ensure the provision's lost and uncollected children procedure is made

	available.
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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.