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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 12/08/2004
Inspector Name Tina Garner

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Edwalton Day Nursery (Child Base Ltd)
Setting Address 227 Melton Road
Edwalton
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire
NG12 4DB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Child Base Ltd 2418535

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

Edwalton Day Nursery belongs to the Nursery chain "Child Care Base Ltd" and registered in February 2001. The nursery operates from a large converted house set in its own grounds, in Edwalton, Nottinghamshire situated on the A606 Nottingham to Melton Road.

Children are cared for in individual group rooms depending on their age and developmental stage. Children under the age of 3 years old are cared for on the ground floor of the house, children age 3-5 years old are cared for on the first floor and have access to 3 play/activity rooms during the course of the day. All children have access to the large enclosed outdoor play areas.

There are 126 children on roll, of which 49 are funded. The nursery supports children with special educational needs and several children whose first language is not English. It operates Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 18:00 throughout the year and is closed only for Public and Bank holidays.

The staff team consists of 3 managers, 17 nursery staff and 1 domestic staff. Half of the staff working directly with the children hold relevant early years qualifications, and all staff access in-house training from Child Care Base UK Ltd. In addition staff access training and advice from teachers/mentors from the Nottinghamshire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP).

How good is the Day Care?

Edwalton Day Nursery (Child Base Ltd) provide good quality care for children.

The warm and welcoming premises offer sufficient space for a good range of indoor and outdoor activities. The nursery is well maintained; rooms are bright and airy with attractive displays and information notice boards. A good range of equipment and play materials are provided, all are well maintained and suitable to children's needs. Staff are well deployed, all attend a wide variety of courses to develop new and existing skills.

Staff are vigilant in their supervision of the children, they teach children how to care for themselves through daily routines, for example, washing hands before meal times. Good systems are in place to deal with accidents and medical emergencies. Staff work well as a team, which creates a settled atmosphere with clear daily

routines. They relate well to the children and build strong relationships with them. Meal times are a sociable occasion where staff and children mainly sit together to have healthy meals; however, staff do not ensure appropriate hygiene practices are followed when serving food.

Children are settled, happy and valued by the staff, they respond positively to requests and are well behaved. A wide range of resources support children's learning, these are well organised and readily accessible to the children, allowing them to make clear choices. Children show interest in the varied range of activities and appear familiar with the routines and boundaries of the nursery.

The setting has good relationships with parents which is fostered through a warm and welcoming environment that values parental contributions and feedback. A good range of information informs parents about the setting, general information is exchanged with parents on a daily basis. Records, policies and procedures required for the purpose of registration are well organised, however, children's record of attendance is not adequately maintained in all cases.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Since the last inspection the nursery have made good progress in addressing the actions raised.

Staff are now organised to ensure qualification criteria's are met, this ensures that at least 50% of staff caring for babies are trained in this specific area. Record systems for recording accidents have been updated and now include all relevant detail of accidents, incidents and existing injuries which children arrive with. These actions further improve the quality of care offered to children.

What is being done well?

- The Nursery provides a stimulating environment where children learn through play. Toys and equipment are well organised, children are able to access them freely, increasing their independence skills and allowing them to make clear choices with regard to their play and learning.
- Parents are kept well informed about the nursery and its care provision through attractive displays, well presented parents packs and access to policies. They receive daily verbal information on their children's activities and care routines, with regular opportunities to attend parents' evenings.
- Staff develop good relationships with children. Children approach them for support, to initiate conversation and to engage with them in play. Staff offer appropriate support and guidance to encourage the children's independence skills and extend their learning.

What needs to be improved?

- systems, to ensure records of children's attendance are maintained as and

when children arrive and leave the premises

- staff awareness of the importance of good hygiene practices.

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
2	Ensure systems for recording children's attendance are maintained to demonstrate when children are present.
7	Ensure the good health of children is promoted with regard to staff following good hygiene practices.

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.