



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 22/04/2004
Inspector Name Jan Clarke-Potter

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care
Setting Name Kids Kingdom
Setting Address Kettering Leisure Village
Kettering
Northamptonshire
NN15 6PB

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kids Play Ltd. 3757366

ORGANISATION DETAILS

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Address Kids Kingdom
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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

Kids Kingdom opened in 2003. It operates from Kettering Leisure Village in the town of Kettering and serves the local area. Kid's Kingdom offers before and after school care and a holiday club. Accommodation is on two floors; the ground floor is used as a children's play centre, with toilets, and kitchen. The 'club room', which is the main playroom, as well as toilets and an office, are situated on the first floor. Children are picked up from a number of schools over the whole of Kettering.

The breakfast club operates from 07:30 till 09:00, the after school club from 15:00 till 18:00 during term time, and the holiday club from 08:30 to 18:30 during school holidays.

Two full-time staff work with the children and three playwork staff from the centre assist with school pick-ups on a daily basis. The manager has a relevant early years qualification appropriate to the post and the deputy is working towards a National Vocational Qualification level three.

How good is the Day Care?

Kid's Kingdom offers satisfactory care to children. The premises are very clean, welcoming and secure. The club room has been attractively decorated with attractive friezes and displays of the children's work provide a warm and colourful environment. Management have a clear operational plan and the staff a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Health and hygiene procedures are effective, and safety and security procedures are good. Risk assessments are done regularly, and fire emergency procedures are practised and recorded. Children are provided with hot meals daily, and drinks and snacks are regularly available.

Children are able to choose freely from a range of activities, which keep most children occupied. However toys and resources in general and those for outdoor use in particular are limited. House rules and the behaviour management policy are shared with parents and children, and staff act as good role models. Children feel secure, happy and are settled.

Parents are given a good amount of information and staff develop effective working relationships with them. Records, policies and procedures are clear and up-to-date.

Parents are very pleased with the service provided by the group.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable.

What is being done well?

- Fresh drinking water and jugs of juice are available for children and they are able to help themselves. Hot meals are provided daily which are healthy and nutritious, and snacks are given regularly.
- A good amount of information is given to parents about the setting including policies and procedures, Staff develop friendly and trusting relationships with the parents. Parent questionnaires are very positive.
- Records are accessible, stored securely and confidentiality is maintained. All policies and procedures are in place, clear and up-to-date.

What needs to be improved?

- the range of toys and resources available to the children.

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
5	Ensure that sufficient, suitable equipment and materials are available to provide stimulating activities and play opportunities for the children.

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.