



Office for Standards
in Education

DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 09/10/2003
Inspector Name Judith Marion Jones

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care
Setting Name Buckden Pre-school Village Hall Playgroup
Setting Address The New Millennium Hall, Burberry Road
Buckden
St. Neots
Cambridgeshire
PE19 5UY

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of Buckden Pre-school Playgroup 291840

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Buckden Pre-school Playgroup
Address Burberry Road
Buckden, St Neots
Huntingdon
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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

Buckden Pre-School Playgroup first opened in the late 1960s. It has been running in its current, purpose built, section of the village hall for about four years. The group is committee run and is situated in the village of Buckden. Children from surrounding villages attend the group.

Sessional care is offered for children aged from two years nine months on Mondays to Fridays between 09:10 and 12:10 term time only.

The premises consists of two rooms, children's toilets and a covered veranda for outside play. The village main hall, kitchen and adult toilets are also available for the group to use. A large walk-in storage cupboard is provided for the group.

A total of five permanent staff are employed. They are suitably qualified or are working towards relevant childcare qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

Buckden Pre- school Village Hall Playgroup provides satisfactory day care for children.

The pre-school is warm and welcoming. Children's safety is considered and there are safe procedures for the arrival and collection of children. Resources are good and the children have easy access to toys and equipment. An outdoor area is also available and this can be used in most types of weather as it is under cover.

Staff communicate well with children on an individual basis but some group sessions could be better managed.

Children are well behaved and helpful, tidying up and taking turns. They are responsive to adults and interact well with each other.

Parents are well informed and are involved in children's progress reports. Documentation is good and accessible to parents. New policies have been produced with care, but a couple of these need some adaptation.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The last report had three actions to be met and these have been carried out as follows:

With regard to the operational plan being developed and policies updated - all the policies have been updated by the new Supervisor.

The Registered person was to submit to the vetting process. In response the Chairperson and deputy have had CRB checks done.

Additional information has been added to the register so that any arrivals or departures which are not at the normal time are shown.

What is being done well?

- The environment is warm and welcoming. Standard 4
- Resources are good with toys attractively presented and well labelled. Standard 5
- Children are well behaved and helpful. Standard 11
- Parents are well informed and involved in their child's progress. Standard 12

What needs to be improved?

- The management of children at group times. Standard 3
- Some documentation - with regard to the Child protection and Complaints policies. Standard 14

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
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3	Consider different ways of managing the group sessions with the children.
14	Make some adaptations to the Child Protection policy and add the name and address of Ofsted to the Complaints procedure.

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.