



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 04/03/2005
Inspector Name Jane Shaw

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Full Day Care
Setting Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries
Setting Address Springwood Way
Tytherington Business Park
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 2XA

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Kidsunlimited Nurseries 2102771

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

Kidsunlimited Nursery Tytherington is one of several settings run by Kidsunlimited Nurseries. It opened in August 2004 and operates from within a purpose-built building situated on a business park on the outskirts of Tytherington, Macclesfield in Cheshire.

A maximum of 86 children may attend the nursery at any one time. The nursery is open each weekday from 07.00 to 19.00 for 52 weeks of the year, excluding Bank Holidays.

The children are cared for within age specific groups rooms; there are six group rooms in total. Children have access to an enclosed outdoor play space. There is also access to appropriate nappy changing areas, toilet and hand washing facilities. There is a kitchen on site for the preparation of meals and snacks.

There are currently 49 children aged from birth to under 5 years on roll. Of these, five children receive funding for nursery education. Children attend from the immediate locality and from further afield as their parents and carer's travel to work on the business park or on their way through to other areas. The nursery currently supports a number of children with special needs and those children for whom English is an additional language.

The nursery employs 10 members of staff, there is also access to relief staff from other Kidsunlimited nurseries within the locality. Eight of the staff, including the manager hold appropriate early years qualifications. A further two staff are working towards a qualification.

As the nursery is in receipt of funding for nursery education, they have access to a Foundation Stage teacher and other advisory staff from Sure Start Cheshire.

How good is the Day Care?

Kidsunlimited Tytherington provides good quality care for children.

There is a high ratio of qualified staff within the team who are well deployed across the nursery. The premises are well organised and enable children to be cared for in age specific groups within appropriately resourced group rooms. The nursery provides the parents, carers and children with a bright, clean and welcoming environment with lots of pictures and examples of the children's work along with

other relevant information for parents and carers. All documentation is in place and well maintained.

The children are cared for within a safe, clean and secure environment. Staff are vigilant about the children's safety at all times. Regular risk assessments and fire evacuations are conducted. The children are offered fresh, healthy meals and snacks each day, however, lunch provision was not sufficient in quantity to feed all equally, toddlers were not given regular access to drinks.

The children are offered a good range of activities and opportunities, these are planned around themes and involve the children in interesting and stimulating activities and experiences. Planning is undertaken for all age groups and ensures the children have access to a range of play experiences to aid their learning and development. All children have the opportunity to and are encouraged to participate in all activities. There is an appropriate behaviour management policy in place which describes the use of acceptable techniques. Staff have an understanding of child protection issues but are unsure of certain procedures.

An effective partnership with parents and carers is in place, they speak positively about what the nursery has to offer their children in terms of their care and education. Staff are friendly, approachable and give good written and verbal feedback on each child's day.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable.

What is being done well?

- The nursery employs a high ratio of qualified staff and provides opportunities for staff to enhance their existing skills and knowledge by undertaking further training both in-house and externally through Kidsunlimited itself and Sure Start Cheshire. Staff are appropriately deployed and allocated to particular age group rooms which gives children, their parents and carers access to consistent key workers.
- Children are cared for in a safe and secure environment. Good safety policies and procedures are in place with regular risk assessments undertaken across the premises and equipment. The person in charge also regularly checks risk assessments against recorded accidents.
- Staff provide the children with a good range of activities and opportunities which are well supported by good quality resources. Planning is undertaken across all age groups. Staff in the pre-school room use the Foundation Stage to plan activities for children within their room. Staff working with under three's are developing their knowledge and understanding of Birth to Three Matters and plan activities to match these. Staff also make observations of development and achievements for pre-school children with reference to their progress against the stepping stones and under three's in line with Birth to Three Matters.

- Staff know the children well and are aware of their individual needs and circumstances and work closely with both families and other agencies/professionals.
- The nursery provides the children, parents and carers with a bright, clean and welcoming environment. Plenty of information is available for parents and carers on what the nursery has to offer. They also receive good feedback on their child's development and general well-being.
- Comprehensive and detailed policies and procedures are in place, which are available for both staff, parents and carers to refer to.

What needs to be improved?

- staff's understanding of child protection procedures
- the provision of drinks and meals to the children.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS (This section applies only to inspections carried out from September 2004. The complaint record relates to complaints from the last inspection or 1st April 2004 whichever is later.)

There are no complaints to report since registration.

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
8	ensure that toddlers have access to drinks at regular intervals throughout the day and that sufficient amounts of food are consistently made available for all children.
13	develop (staff's) knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and procedures.

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.