



Office for Standards  
in Education

## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 08/07/2004  
Inspector Name Beverley Jarrett

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care  
Setting Name Colville Playcentre  
Setting Address Colville School House, Lonsdale Road  
London  
W11 2DF

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Address 125 Freston Road  
London  
W10 6TH

## 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

Colville Playcentre Out of School Group has been registered for three years.

The playcentre is located in a Primary School in North Kensington. The setting has access to a ground floor hall, quiet area and office. There are two further halls on the first and second floors. There are separate girls and boys toilets, a staff room and kitchen. Children have access to a large outdoor play area.

The play centre serves the local community.

There are currently 56 children from 4 - 8 years old, on roll. The playcentre opens five days a week during term time from 15:30 - 18:00. The setting also operates a holiday playscheme during the holidays which opens five days a week from 09:00 - 17:30.

The setting currently supports a number of children with special needs and who speak English as an additional language.

Six staff work with the children. All staff members hold relevant early years qualifications.

### How good is the Day Care?

Colville Playcentre provides a satisfactory standard of care.

A number of new staff have joined the centre recently, all of whom are suitably qualified, and beginning to work well as a team. However, the correct staff ratios are not always maintained.

The setting organises the space and resources well. The premises are secure with play areas that are bright, warm and welcoming. Staff have a good understanding of health and safety and help children learn about hygiene. Steps are currently being taken to comply with health and safety regulations in the children's toilet, where an offensive smell and wet patches appear on the floor.

There are a broad range of activities and play opportunities that help children to sustain interest and have fun. Staff have a good knowledge and understanding of the children's individual needs and interests.

There is a strong commitment to partnership with parents. The centre displays noticeboards for parents, these are full of relevant information and news.

On the whole the group have maintained the policies and procedures, however there is no policy addressing what to do in the event a child is missing.

#### **What has improved since the last inspection?**

At the last inspection the provider was asked to devise and implement a number of policies and procedures regarding record keeping. These have all been achieved ensuring that suitable procedures are in place which comply with the agreed regulations.

The centre were requested to take reasonable steps with health and safety regulations relating to the children's toilet. However, despite repairs being carried out, the problem has once again recurred, and further steps will now be required to remedy this situation. This will ensure that children have access to clean and hygienic toilet facilities.

#### **What is being done well?**

- The premises is warm and welcoming with attractive displays of children's work.
- Space and resources are organised to meet children's needs effectively. Children have access to a very good range of stimulating and interesting activities.
- Children behaved well and adhere to the boundaries they have set themselves. They are polite and considerate of each other and the staff.
- There is an effective partnership between parents and carers. The key worker system ensures that parents are fully consulted about the needs of their children.

#### **What needs to be improved?**

- the procedure for lost children
- the maintenance of the correct staff ratios at all times
- the health and safety of the children's toilet.

#### **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 must take the following actions by the date shown

Std	Action	Date
2	Ensure that correct ratios are maintained at all times and that the staff team is made fully aware of this.	09/07/2004
2	Devise and implement a lost child policy.	31/07/2004
4	Ensure that effective measures are taken to comply with health and safety regulations in the children's toilets.	05/08/2004

## **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.*