



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 16/06/2003
Inspector Name Helen Hunt

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care
Setting Name Hatch Beauchamp Community Playgroup
Setting Address Hatch Beauchamp Primary School
Hatch Beauchamp
Taunton
Somerset
TA3 6SQ

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Christine Bickerstaff

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

Hatch Beauchamp Community Playgroup meets in a mobile classroom situated in the playground area of the local primary school in the village of Hatch Beauchamp near Taunton. The majority of children attending are drawn from the local vicinity and will move on to the school when they reach the appropriate age. The group is open Monday to Friday, mornings only. The room is used at other times by the school. The playgroup is registered for 24 children under the age of eight years. The group is managed by a committee and one qualified supervisor supported by additional staff/parent helpers. The accommodation comprises of one large playroom, with toilets and kitchen area off this. The group are able to use the school playground for outdoor play.

How good is the Day Care?

The quality of the day care is satisfactory.

Children play in a welcoming environment with a good range of resources which can be easily accessed. Their behaviour is good and they are enthusiastic about the activities on offer. Good use is made of outside speakers to talk to children about their roles in the community.

The numbers on roll are currently very small and children benefit from good staff to children ratios. The supervisor is qualified and vetted, but other staff are still in the process of being checked.

A new committee has been involved in making improvements in staffing but has been unsuccessful in preparing new policies and procedures.

Some attention is paid to health and safety issues, but there are deficiencies, such as the security of the building, fire safety procedures and consents for emergency medical treatment.

Relationships with parents are good and parents are given opportunities to receive feedback on their children's progress.

What has improved since the last inspection?

The group has addressed some of the actions set in the previous inspection.

Visitors are now recorded in the visitors book. The supervisor has carried out first aid training and obtained a first aid cert.

However actions to update and write policies have not yet been addressed.

What is being done well?

- The environment is made attractive to children by the use of displays and the easy access to toys and equipment.(Standard 4)
- There is a good range of resources which are used to provide stimulating activities for their children.(Standard 5)
- The group make good use of visiting speakers to help children learn about their community.(Standard 3).
- Children are well behaved and interested in what they do.(Standard 3)

What needs to be improved?

- security of the premises so as to prevent access to strangers.(Standard 6)
- written policies and the availability to parents. (Standard 14)
- recording and evaluation of fire drills.(Standard 6)
- vetting of staff to enable staff to have sole charge of the children if required.(Standard 1)
- systems for seeking consent for emergency medical care.(Standard 7)
- staff knowledge and understanding of child protection issues. (Standard 13)

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
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14	Ensure policies are written and agreed and made available to parents	30/07/2003
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The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection	
Std	Recommendation
1	Ensure all checks for staff are completed.
6	Ensure premises are made secure and prevent access for strangers.
6	Record and evaluate fire drills
7	Ensure consent for emergency medical care is sought.
12	Ensure policies are available to parents.
13	Ensure all staff receive training on child protection.

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.