



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 30/07/2003  
Inspector Name Caren Carpenter

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Out of School Day Care  
Setting Name Hornimans Adventure Playground  
Setting Address Southern Row  
London  
W10 5EG

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Hornimans Adventure Playground Association 802220

### ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name Hornimans Adventure Playground Association  
Address c/o Kensal Community Association  
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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

Hornimans Adventure Playground is a voluntary run organisation situated in the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The playground offers after school and holiday care. This inspection took place during the summer holidays.

The playground serves the local community, the setting operates from 3.15pm to 7.00pm daily during term-time, Saturday 11.00am to 4.45pm and 10.00am to 6.00pm during the school holidays. The setting provides open access supervised adventure play activities, for thirty children aged between five and 8 years old. The setting also provide care for children up to fifteen years old.

Resources, equipment and activities includes a range of soft adventure play area, a well equipped art room, a kitchen and toilet facilities. A large indoor hall is used for sports and various activities. Off-site activities includes camping and trips to places of interest.

Ten staff work with the children, all have early years qualification and experience.

### How good is the Day Care?

Hornimans adventure playground provides a satisfactory standard of care.

The scheme provides a relaxed, safe and welcoming environment to the children. Generally the premises is well maintained, however there are some aspects of hygiene that need improving.

The scheme provides a range of structured, varied activities and play opportunities for the children. Activities are organised to encourage the children to make their own choices, staff are available to offer help and direct play when needed. Children are also able to attend weekly trips to places of interest.

The scheme undertakes an annual Health and Safety check and safety issues have been appropriately addressed.

Generally records are maintained to a satisfactory standard, however some lack relevant details.

The scheme ensures parents provide them with written details about their children's individual needs and have developed good relationships with them. However

parents are not provided with written information about the scheme.

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

Since the last inspection, the scheme has developed a written risk assessment and regular checks are carried out on the outdoor play equipment.

The manager and staff have completed new health and safety guidelines for outings. This includes risk assessment and the protection of children during off site activities.

Three staff are first aid trained and other staff have completed a basic first aid course.

The scheme has developed a written policy for exclusion of sick children. Parents are required to complete consent forms, in order to administer prescribed medication to their children.

A special needs policy and procedure has been developed. The manager has completed special needs training. Staff will have the opportunity to attend further special needs and child protection training.

The pond is securely fenced off, to prevent children gaining unsupervised access.

The manager, staff and volunteers have completed all required checks, to ensure staff suitability.

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

- During the inspection, I observed staff to be deployed effectively, while the children were involved in both indoor and outdoor activities. This is an open access scheme, which requires the staff to be vigilant and to pay particular attention to the safety and welfare of the children.
- The scheme provides a safe environment, that allows the children to lead their own play. Children are well behaved and are made aware of the scheme's behaviour code, staff are confident in their management of children's behaviour. They work closely with parents to agree appropriate strategies to manage their children's behaviour.
- The scheme provides the children with the opportunity to have access to pets on the premises. These include: rabbits, goats, and guinea pigs, children are encouraged to become involved with the care of the animals.

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

- the daily attendance register to show when the children have left the site for the day;
- the standard of hygiene in the toilet area must be improved;

- the manager must update her knowledge of child protection procedures;
- the provision of written information about the service the scheme provides for parents.

### 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
14	Keep a record which shows which children are still on site.	01/10/2003
7	Improve the standard of hygiene	01/10/2003

#### The Registered Person should have regard to the following recommendations by the time of the next inspection

Std	Recommendation
13	Update staff knowledge of child protection
14	Provide written information to parents about the service provided to local 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.*