



Office for Standards  
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## DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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### INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 07/09/2004  
Inspector Name Alison Edwards

### SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care  
Setting Name Britannia Fields Playgroup  
Setting Address Millennium Hall  
Britannia Road, Burbage  
Hinckley  
Leicestershire  
LE10 2HF

### REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name Mrs Julie Dawn Botterill

## 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

Britannia Fields Playgroup is a privately-run group operating from a community hall in Burbage in the Hinckley and Bosworth district of Leicestershire. The playgroup is registered to care for thirty children from two to five years. This includes provision of nursery education for funded three- and four-year-olds. Children use the main hall for play, with access to the rear lobby and to toilet facilities of the side entrance corridor. There is an enclosed outside area for outdoor play.

The playgroup opens at 09:00 during school terms from Monday to Friday, closing at 12:00 on Tuesday and Friday and operating a lunch club until 12:45 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for children wishing to bring a packed lunch. There are currently 38 children on roll of whom 14 are funded three-year-olds and 9 are funded four-year-olds. The playgroup makes provision for children with special needs and with English as an additional language.

Including the proprietor there are six childcare staff of whom five hold recognised early years qualifications. The playgroup receives support from the Leicestershire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

### How good is the Day Care?

Britannia Fields Playgroup provides satisfactory care for children. The well-maintained premises provide ample scope for indoor activities and relaxation, with easy access to a safely enclosed outdoor play area. A varied selection of equipment and play materials are in good condition and are generally suitable for children's interests and needs. The playgroup is well-organised, with a good proportion of qualified staff effectively deployed to work directly with the children.

Staff supervise children carefully and show a sound practical awareness of most safety issues, although arrangements are not currently fully effective in ensuring children cannot gain unsupervised access to other areas within the premises. There are sound arrangements in place to ensure children's individual health, care and dietary needs can be met. Staff are aware of their general child protection responsibilities, though the current child protection policy lacks specific required elements.

Staff's calm support helps children settle and begin to develop secure relationships with adults and peers. Children often show interest and enjoyment in a varied range

of activities helping to support their development and learning. They begin to show awareness of each others' feelings and to understand the effects of their actions on others There are appropriate arrangements in place to help support children with identified special needs, though resources and activities are not always best used to reflect diversity.

There are sound arrangements in place to develop effective partnership with parents, including provision of useful written information about the playgroup's provision and children's activities and opportunities for informal discussion between staff and parents.

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

The playgroup has taken appropriate steps to follow up actions raised at the last inspection. Policies and procedures forming an operational plan have been made available to parents so providing additional information about the running of the playgroup. Parental written consent to seek emergency medical treatment is now sought, so improving health and safety arrangements for children. Water bottles are made available to children during the session, so improving their ready access to fresh drinking water. The proprietor has undertaken a risk assessment of the premises, although this has not effectively addressed issues of children's unsupervised access to other areas of the building and is not regularly reviewed.

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

- Staff's calm and consistent approach helps children begin to settle and develop secure relationships with staff and other children. Staff usually work directly with children, helping them develop confidence and interest in a varied range of planned activities. They establish clear expectations and routines, helping children begin to learn what is expected of them and to begin to show care and concern for each other.
- Staff give careful attention to health and hygiene issues. Relevant details of children's individual health and care needs are sought and recorded, and staff show a clear understanding of appropriate procedures and documentation.
- Parents receive useful written information about the playgroup and about their children's activities as well as informal opportunities for discussion with children's routines and progress. Several parents comment favourably on the playgroup's atmosphere and staff approachability.

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

- the child protection policy to include procedures to be followed in the event of any child protection allegations against staff
- arrangements to minimise the risks of children gaining unsupervised access to other areas of the premises

- effective use of resources, activities and facilities to reflect diversity and help children recognise and respect individual differences.

### 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
13	Ensure the child protection policy includes procedures to be followed in the event of any child protection allegation against staff.	12/10/2004

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

Std	Recommendation
6	Develop use of risk assessment procedures including precautions to prevent children gaining unsupervised access to other areas of the premises.
9	Develop more effective use of resources, activities and facilities to reflect diversity and help children recognise and respect individual differences.

## **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.*