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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date 19/01/2005
Inspector Name Susan Irene Tyler

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type Sessional Day Care
Setting Name St Weonards Pre school
Setting Address Mount Way
St. Weonards
Hereford
Herefordshire
HR2 8NN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name The Committee of St Weonards Pre school

ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name St Weonards Pre school
Address Mount Way
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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

St Weonards Pre-School opened in 1976. It operates from St Weonards Village Hall and St Weonards Primary School. St Weonards is a small village situated in rural south-west Herefordshire. The group is centrally located, close to the village school, shop and church. A maximum of 24 children may attend the village hall setting and 8 may attend the school setting at any one time. The village hall setting is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during school term times and operates a Rising Five's session on Thursday's from the school between January and July only. Sessions are from 09:00 until 12:00 with the option of a lunch club from 12:00 until 13:00 at the village hall setting. All children share access to a secure outdoor play area.

There are currently 11 children aged from 2 to under 5 years on roll. Of these, 7 children receive funding for nursery education. The pre-school serves the local community mainly.

The group employs 2 staff. Both staff members hold appropriate early years qualifications.

How good is the Day Care?

St Weonards Pre-School provides good care for children. Staff have organised the premises well affording good supervision of children and have worked hard to make the premises welcoming and attractive. The group is well resourced and all equipment is in good condition. The daily register is clearly laid out but the system of recording would benefit from a review to ensure greater accuracy.

Children's safety is given high priority and the group has recently appointed a safety officer. A child protection policy is in place but lacks detail. Good hygiene routines are in place and children follow good hand washing procedures. Staff have a good understanding of healthy eating and children enjoy snacks that are nutritious and varied.

A good variety of activities encompassing all six area of development is regularly available. Children enjoy their play and happily take part in small and large group activities. Staff know all of the children very well and use this knowledge when planning the daily curriculum. There are clear boundaries set for children and children's behaviour is good.

Partnership with parents is good. Staff liaise with parents on a daily basis and use information gained from chats and admission forms to care for children as their parents would wish. Parents are appraised of their children's progress but usually at their request. Parents are kept informed via newsletters, daily chats and a notice board. They are welcome to stay with their children for as long as they wish.

What has improved since the last inspection?

Not applicable, as there were no actions raised at the previous inspection.

What is being done well?

- The premises are well used and afford good supervision.
- The group is well resourced and all toys and equipment are safe and in good condition. Storage space is well organised.
- Good procedures are in place to keep children safe.
- Good hygiene routines are in place for the cleaning of equipment and children's hand washing.
- Staff have high expectations of good behaviour and this is reflected in the good behaviour of children.
- There are good adult to child ratio's, enabling the individual needs of children to be met.
- Parents are welcome to stay with their children for as long as they wish.

What needs to be improved?

- the registration system
- the policy for child protection.

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.

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
2	Ensure that registration arrangements more accurately reflect who is present or absent.
13	Review the policy for 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.