

Przedszkole – Polska Szkoła im św Stanisława Kostki w Aberdeen Day Care of Children

Albyn School Ltd
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Service provided by:
Polska Szkoła im św Stanisława Kostki
w Aberdeen

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About the service

Przedszkole - Polska Szkoła im św Stanisława Kostki w Aberdeen provides a day care of children service located within Albyn School, Queens Road, Aberdeen.

The service is accessible by foot, car and by bus. The service is registered to provide a care service to a maximum of 60 children aged between three years to those not yet attending primary school at any one time.

The service will operate on a Saturday only during term-time and will have exclusive use of the The Sunshine Room, the Rainbow Room, the Anti-Preschool Room 1 and the Anti-Preschool Room 2 situated in the Oliver Wing within Albyn School. The service may also have use of the library gym, hall theatre class and dining room.

The service is a Polish speaking service where children and staff will communicate in Polish. Children learn to be fluent in the Polish language and learn about the Polish culture.

About the inspection

This was an unannounced inspection which took place on 16 March 2024 between 09:20 and 11:10. The inspection was to follow up on the requirement made at the last inspection.

The inspection was carried out by two inspectors from the Care Inspectorate. To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- spoke with the manager
- observed practice and children's experiences
- reviewed documents.

Key messages

- Action had been taken to meet the requirement that the provider must provide a safe environment for children.
- Progress had been made towards meeting the area for improvement that children needs and preferences are met through effective use of personal plans.
- Progress had been made towards meeting the area for improvement that children should experience high quality play, learning and development opportunities.
- Progress had been made towards meeting the area for improvement that meaningful observations and effective assessments should inform children's learning and progress.

What the service has done to meet any requirements we made at or since the last inspection

Requirements

Requirement 1

By 27 January 2024, the provider must provide a safe environment for children. To do this the provider must at a minimum:

- a) ensure all areas for children maintain children's safety at all times
- b) ensure a clear, suitable and timely plan is in place with the owner of the building for a long term solution to the safety issues highlighted:
 - (i) the windows within the Sunshine/Owls room
 - (ii) the garden gate.

This is to comply with Regulation 4 (1) (a) (Welfare of users) of The Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Requirements for Care Services) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/210).

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that:

'My environment is secure and safe' (HSCS 5.19).

This requirement was made on 28 October 2023.

Action taken on previous requirement

All windows in the rooms used by the service had been fitted with locks, which limited the opening of windows and prevented them from opening widely. This helped promote children's safety by preventing the risk of them falling or climbing out of windows.

The height of the garden gate had been increased to help prevent children from being able to climb over it to access the exit to the road.

This requirement has been met.

Met - within timescales

What the service has done to meet any areas for improvement we made at or since the last inspection

Areas for improvement

Previous area for improvement 1

To ensure that children's current needs and preferences are known to all staff and are consistently planned for and met, children's personal plans should be up-to-date and relevant. This should include, but is not limited to:

- Personal plans containing detailed information about children's needs and preferences and how these will be met.
- Personal plans being reviewed and shared with parents/carers at a minimum of every six months.
- Staff having knowledge of children's personal plan and understanding their role in supporting children in accordance with these.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that:

'My personal plan (sometimes referred to as a care plan) is right for me because it sets out how my needs will be met, as well as my wishes and choices' (HSCS 1.15).

This area for improvement was made on 3 December 2022.

Action taken since then

This area for improvement was not assessed. We discussed progress with the manager, and noted that steps had been taken to continue to improve the use of personal plans to support children's care and support. This included the introduction of a new format and plans to invite parents into the setting to complete personal plans prior to their children starting the service.

This area for improvement has not been assessed and remains in place.

Previous area for improvement 2

To support children to have fun as they experience high quality play, learning and development opportunities, the provider, manager and staff should ensure that children are meaningfully leading their own play through balanced play based activities.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that:

'As a child I am supported to achieve my potential in education and employment if this is right for me' (HSCS 1.27).

This area for improvement was made on 3 December 2022.

Action taken since then

This area for improvement was not assessed. We discussed progress with the manager. They told us that staff are being supported to develop skills and knowledge in planning and providing meaningful play experiences for children.

This area for improvement has not been assessed and remains in place.

Previous area for improvement 3

To support children in their learning the provider, manager and staff should ensure that meaningful observations and effective assessments are in place to inform children's learning and progress.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards (HSCS) which state that:

'As a child I am supported to achieve my potential in education and employment if this is right for me' (HSCS 1.27).

This area for improvement was made on 3 December 2022.

Action taken since then

This area for improvement was not assessed. We discussed progress with the manager. They told us that staff are being supported to develop their skills in using an online system to write meaningful observations of children's learning.

This area for improvement has not been assessed and remains in place.

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There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com.

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