

Inspection report

Wallyford Primary School Nursery Day Care of Children

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Introduction

Wallyford Primary School Nursery is an East Lothian Council resource. It can accommodate a maximum of 30 children at any one session between the ages of 3 and entry into primary school. There are 26 children registered for morning sessions, 24 children registered for the afternoon sessions. On the day of inspection the total attending the morning session totalled 16 children, 2 staff members and 2 students.

The service operates between 8.50am to 12.00pm Monday to Friday, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Monday to Thursday.

The Nursery is located in Wallyford Primary School. Children were cared for in a safe, pleasant, stimulating and secure environment. The Nursery was in a good state of decoration and the play equipment was clean and appropriately maintained.

The nursery was registered with the Care Commission on April 1 2002.

Basis of Report

This report was written following an unannounced inspection which took place on 23rd February 2007.

An audit of the provider's safer recruitment policies and procedures has been carried out by the Care Commission resulting in a requirement, a recommendation and an area for development highlighted in this report.

This service was inspected after a Regulation Support Assessment (RSA) was carried out to determine what level of support was necessary. The RSA is an assessment undertaken by the CCO which considers: complaint activity, changes in the provision of the service, natures of notifications made to the Care Commission by the service, action taken upon requirements etc.

This service was required to have a low level of support that resulted in an inspection based on the national inspection themes and any recommendations and requirements from previous inspections, complaints or other regulatory activity.

The key themes for 2006/2007 are as follows:-

Child Protection
Safer Recruitment
Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) Code of Practice

These themes have been reported under the following National Care Standards for Early Education and Child Care up to the age of 16;

3. Health and Well-being
4. Engaging with Children,
12. Confidence in Staff

The Inspection report is also informed by;

Discussion with staff and children
Observation
Review of indoor and outdoor facilities
The Annual Return
Self Evaluation Questionnaire

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 introduced new regulatory arrangements in respect of fire safety, on 1 October 2006. In terms of those arrangements, responsibility for enforcing the statutory provisions in relation to fire safety now lies with the Fire and Rescue service for the area in which a care service is located. Accordingly, the Care Commission will no longer report on matters of fire safety as part of its regulatory function, but, where significant fire safety issues become apparent, will alert the relevant Fire and Rescue service to their existence in order that it may act as it considers appropriate.

Action taken on requirements in last Inspection Report

There were no requirements identified in the last inspection report.

Comments on Self-Evaluation

The self-evaluation form is to assist the provider of a service to judge the quality of their service against the National Care Standards being inspected. The Head Teacher of this service completed and returned this form. The contents were used as further basis for discussion and to inform the inspection. The contents were detailed and indicated a reflective approach to the improvement and development of the service.

View of Service Users

On the day of the inspection the children appeared happy, occupied, confident and content with the service provided.

View of Carers

4 Questionnaire forms were returned. The questionnaire was designed around the six principles of the National Care Standards - Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 which are Privacy, Dignity, Choice, Safety, Realising Potential, Equality and Diversity.

The parental comments indicated overall satisfaction with the service being provided and on the very good relationship with staff. The staff team were regarded as being very approachable and supportive. Some comments included:-

The staff in the nursery are always prepared to sit down and discuss any concerns or issues regarding the children (and their family if appropriate)

I am very happy with the way my daughter is treated by staff in the nursery and throughout the school. I always feel she is respected and understood for her individuality.

I am very happy with the choices my daughter has the opportunity to make with regards to food, rest and play within the nursery.

The facilities in the nursery are of a high standard of cleanliness and I feel they are safe and secure premises.

My daughter loves being in the nursery and never gets bored. There is a vast range of

activities available and she is able to have a go at anything she wants (or not). My daughter has developed into a self assured and confident girl within a year of attending the nursery. She is no longer shy, and can and does approach staff with anything that concerns her or any needs she may have. Her needs are always met (if appropriate)

I have always found the staff approachable and do feel my beliefs are taken into account. I do get involved by staying in the nursery one morning a week and the same opportunity is there for anyone wishing to be more involved.

The staff at the nursery had a good relationship with all the children and you can see that the children all enjoy nursery and all the different experiences it gives them.

I don't think the children generally feel the need to rest or sleep at nursery, but there is a story corner if it was necessary.

The nursery door is always kept locked while the children are inside, which I think is good.

When they are playing outside the gate has two different locks which are out of reach of the children.

The fact that Wallyford has a small number of children is a definite advantage and the staff were very well experienced.

Regulations / Principles

Regulation :

Strengths

Areas for Development

National Care Standards

National Care Standard Number 3: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Health and Wellbeing

Strengths

Not all aspects of this standard were inspected only those relating to the themes for inspection. See basis of report.

A member of staff is available to speak to parents at the beginning and end of each session. This was an opportunity for all parties to exchange information about the children and the service. If a parent needs to speak to staff, time is made available for this.

Children have the opportunity to partake in daily exercise in the playground. A good range of age appropriate toys and activities were available. The area was safe and secure.

A Child Protection policy was in place in line with East Lothian Council's policies and procedures. All staff had had Child Protection training and were aware of their responsibilities in relation to this area. All staff were due to have updated training. A copy of the Edinburgh and Lothian's Child Protection guidelines was held centrally.

Policies were in place for health and safety and infection control. Hygiene routines were observed being carried out and these included encouraging the children to wash their hands before snack and after toileting. The staff advised children had the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyles, diet, hygiene, personal safety and different cultures through the use of books, discussion, games and celebrating different festivals.

The nursery evidenced that a healthy range of snacks for all children were provided and dietary requirements were taken into account as appropriate. In addition, the nursery had used the 'Nutritional Guidance for Early Years' document and advised they had taken this into account when devising the snack menu. The children had an input into the menu contents.

The nursery were aware of the National Tooth Brushing scheme and had a tooth brushing routine after snacks.

Areas for Development

No areas for development were identified at this inspection.

National Care Standard Number 4: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Engaging with children

Strengths

Not all aspects of this standard were inspected only those relating to the themes for inspection. See basis of report.

Staff were aware of the age appropriate activities required for a child's developmental stages. Children were included in planning activities and decision making, with staff encouraging their contribution and talking to the children about any changes.

The Nursery used the 'Curriculum of Excellence'. Children learned in a positive, caring environment where learning was supported and extended as appropriate. Children had their own 'Learning Story' folder which covered all areas of the curriculum, the folder included photographs and art work.

The Officer observed staff encouraging the children to try a variety of activities and work together through play. The children played well together with staff supporting any child with additional needs. The Officer observed staff interacting in a friendly and encouraging way with the children, listening to what they had to say and valuing their input.

A rolling programme of celebrating cultural and religious festivals was in place. Children helped in organising these.

Areas for Development

No areas of development were identified at this inspection.

National Care Standard Number 12: Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 - Confidence in Staff

Strengths

Not all aspects of this standard were inspected only those relating to the themes for inspection. See basis of report.

All staff had appropriate qualifications and experience. All staff had a development plan. Staff had regular supervision and ongoing training.

Staff were aware of the Scottish Social Services Councils Guidance.

Areas for Development

As a result of the Safer Recruitment process carried out with East Lothian Council, the Care Commission recommended:

The provider should develop a system to recheck Enhanced Disclosure Scotland Checks in accordance with current best practice outlined in the National Care Standards and in the SSSC code of practice for Employers.

Enforcement

There had been no enforcement action taken against this service.

Other Information

An application for variation to the numbers attending the nursery has been applied for, increasing numbers from 20 to 30 per session.

Requirements

1. The organisation must ensure that all staff working in registered care services including wraparound nursery staff undergo an Enhanced Level Disclosure Scotland Check. SSSC Codes of Practice – Employer, SSI 2002/114 Regulation 9 (1) Fitness of employees.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the service consistently records the assessment of the applicant's medical fitness to practice prior to the commencement of employment.
National Care Standards.

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