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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	22/09/2004
Inspector Name	Ingrid Szczerban

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	The Playstation (Wharfdale Ltd)
Setting Address	Bolling Road Ben Rhydding Ilkley West Yorkshire LS29 8QH

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Play Station (Wharfdale) Ltd 4809894
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	The Play Station (Wharfdale) Ltd
Address	Runnymede Parade 297 Leeds Road Ilkley West Yorkshire LS29 8NF

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

The Play Station Out Of School Club has been registered since 2000. It is privately owned and operates from a pre-fabricated building, adjacent to playing fields. This annexe is owned by the primary school, in the village of Ben Rhydding, near Ilkley.

The club serves the local community, caring for children, before and after school and during school holidays. The registration is for 24 children aged 4 to 8 years, children up to age 13 years may attend. Two adjoined rooms are used and outdoor play is available. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 07:30-09:00 & 15:15-18:00, during term time. During school holidays they are, Monday to Friday, 07:30-18:00. There are currently 92 children on roll.

Three, full-time and ten, part-time staff are employed. The majority of staff hold relevant play work qualifications and several are currently working towards higher levels.

During school hours, a separately managed playgroup, runs at the same premises.

How good is the Day Care?

The Play Station Out of School Club provides good care for children. There are sufficient qualified staff caring for children and the team reflects a variance in ages and gender.

Documentation is well-ordered and mostly comprehensive. The premises are clean, well-maintained and good use is made of the space available. There are ample, age-appropriate and challenging resources available and all aspects of equality are represented. Most of the toys and equipment are freely accessible being stored at child-height. The atmosphere in the club is relaxed, and children are confident and happy in their environment.

High priority is given to safety and supervision both inside and outdoors. Adequate hygiene routines are followed and good arrangements are made to provide healthy snacks for children. The staff have satisfactory knowledge of child protection issues.

There range of activities provided for children is good and their views are sought to help inform planning. Staff interact well with children and give them many opportunities to make their own decisions. Staff support children well in activities and also allow children to be in their own small groups. Arrangements for special needs

children to be included, are appropriate. Effective and appropriate strategies are used consistently, to manage children's behaviour and children are well-behaved.

Staff maintain positive relationships with parents. They use various methods for sharing information. As well as giving daily verbal feedback, there is a notice board and pack of information for parents.

What has improved since the last inspection?

not applicable

What is being done well?

- The staff seek children's opinions to help inform planning. Children complete questionnaires to express their views and wishes. These are discussed and used to help plan future activities. This involves children in decision making and having their preferences acted upon, increases their self-esteem.
- The rooms are child-orientated and the club has a relaxed, happy atmosphere. The walls are decorated with children's artwork and large windows provide a good source of natural daylight. There are suitable areas for children to 'chill out' and they are free to decide what they wish to do.
- There are ample, age-appropriate toys and equipment available for children. Children are interested and occupied. There is a wide selection of games, art/craft materials and outdoor play equipment ensuring that children are stimulated and challenged.
- Good arrangements are made to offer healthy snacks for children. The club has a healthy eating policy and menus are displayed for parents. This encourages children to develop their awareness of making choices that benefit their health and well-being.

What needs to be improved?

- the arrangements to improve documentation

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
7	Ensure that all entries in the accident records are countersigned by parents.
13	Develop the child protection policy to include a procedure to follow in the event of an allegation being made regarding a member of staff.

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.