



Office for Standards
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DAY CARE INSPECTION REPORT

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INSPECTION DETAILS

Inspection Date	06/04/2004
Inspector Name	Gill Ogden

SETTING DETAILS

Day Care Type	Out of School Day Care
Setting Name	Redwood Kids Holiday Club
Setting Address	Redwood Drive School Redwood Drive, Waddington Lincoln Lincolnshire LN5 9BN

REGISTERED PROVIDER DETAILS

Name	The Committee of Redwood Kids Holiday Club Committee
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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name	Redwood Kids Holiday Club Committee
Address	Redwood Drive School Redwood Drive Waddington Lincolnshire LN5 9BN

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

Redwood Kids Holiday Club opened in 2000. It is run by a volunteer management committee. It operates from Redwood Drive Primary School in Waddington. The club usually uses the large hall, playground and playing field. On occasions it uses the smaller hall and a classroom. The after school provision serves children attending the school, whilst the holiday club also serves the local area and beyond.

There are currently 80 children from 4 to 11 years on roll. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The club supports children with special needs but no children currently attend who speak English as an additional language.

The club opens each weekday after school from 15:05 until 18:00. It is open every half term holiday, one week at Easter and the first three weeks of the summer holiday. It is closed in the Christmas holiday. Sessions during the holidays are from 08:30 until 17:00.

Six part-time staff work with the children. Two have a playwork qualification to NVQ level 3 and one has an early years qualification to NVQ 3. One member of staff is currently working towards a recognised playwork qualification.

The club is a member of 4Children and achieved its 'Growing in Quality' accreditation award in 2004.

How good is the Day Care?

Redwood Kids Holiday Club provides good quality care for children aged between four and eleven. The club is well managed and the sessions run smoothly. The hall is bright and airy and there is good outdoor play space. All the necessary records and documents are in place.

Comprehensive documentation underpins the health and safety practices in the club. Daily risk assessment procedures are carried out and recorded. Access to the premises is monitored well and most of the staff have attended child protection training. Staff promote good hygiene practices and children maintain them. Staff act according to procedures in the event of a child feeling unwell or having an accident. Children are provided with snacks and drinks but bring their own packed lunch, which they enjoy in a sociable atmosphere. However, children do not always access drinks freely enough.

Children enjoy playing with the good quality toys and equipment. They take part in planned activities enthusiastically and staff support them well to develop activities as a result of their own initiatives. Children are offered good opportunities to become involved in creative and large physical activities. They enjoy, for example, candle making and playing in the ball pool. They use the computer freely and develop imaginative play scenarios with both small world toys and dressing up and larger pretend equipment. Children are involved in the planning of activities and developing the rules for behaviour. As a result, they generally behave well and show consideration for each other. Children with special needs are included well. However, the key worker system has not been fully developed.

The club works effectively with parents in order to provide positive experiences for the children. Parents make up the management committee and are provided with good quality written information about the club. Parents are pleased with the friendly atmosphere, the helpful staff and the care their children receive.

What has improved since the last inspection?

At the last inspection the club was asked to ensure staff were appropriately trained. The co-ordinators have now achieved their NVQ level 3 in Playwork and another member of staff is currently undertaking NVQ level 2 in Playwork. A further staff member has a Diploma in Pre-School Practice. There are now suitably qualified staff to meet the needs of the full age range of children.

What is being done well?

- The club has comprehensive policies and procedures in place. They are read and signed up to each term by the staff and committee. Procedures are carried out effectively in daily practice.
- There is a wide range of good quality equipment to support activities in all the play areas. Toys and games are replaced and increased regularly to meet the needs and interests of the children.
- The physical environment is easily adapted to allow different activities to be provided safely. The playground and playing field offer good opportunities for children to enjoy outdoor play regularly.
- The staff handle any incidents of unacceptable behaviour calmly and firmly. The children are encouraged to resolve their own disputes and recognise why their behaviour is inappropriate.
- There is a clear written contract which explains the expectations of the child, the parent and the club. All concerned sign up to it.

What needs to be improved?

- the key worker system, so that it works well for all children
- children's access to drinks at all times.

Outcome of the inspection
Good

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION
<i>All registered persons must comply with all conditions of registration included on his/her certificate of registration.</i>
<i>As a result of this inspection conditions of registration have been imposed / varied / removed and a new certificate of registration will be issued.</i>

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	Continue to develop key worker system.
8	Ensure children can access drinks easily themselves at all times.

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.