



Inspection Report During COVID19 Sessional & Full Day Care

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Type of Service (please tick as appropriate)	Full Day Care	Play-group	Crèche	After School	Other (please advise)
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	Private	Not for Profit	Other		
		x			

Name of Inspector:	Michaela Flanagan
Date of Inspection:	Zoom 18/10/2021 Inspection Visit 22/10/2021

Inspection Details

The (South Eastern Trust, Early Years Team) has the legal duty under the Children (NI) Order 1995 to inspect all registered childcare settings at least once a year. The focus of the inspection is on the setting's adherence to the requirements of their



registration certificate and to the Childminding and Day Care for Children under Age 12 - Minimum Standards which can be downloaded at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

This was an announced Inspection which assessed the setting's compliance with three standards as set out in the Minimum Standards:

- **Safeguarding and Child Protection (Standard 1);**
- **Care Development and Play (Standard 2);**
- **Children's Health and Wellbeing (Standard 3) - this aspect was adapted to include assessing the setting's response to Covid19**

The inspection is completed using a variety of methods – completion of a self-evaluation document by the provider, face to face discussions with staff, observations of the children in the setting, overview of paperwork and obtaining staff and parent views through questionnaires. The inspection report provides a summary statement of full, partial or insufficient compliance for each standard area. Further detail is only provided regarding actions that the provider needs to address. This is not meant to detract from the positive actions which the provider has taken to demonstrate compliance for the whole standard. Actions to be addressed fall into two categories - requirements for compliance (these are mandatory and must be actioned) and/or recommendations for improvement (providers are encouraged to progress these).

Previous Inspection

Progress from Previous Inspection

Requirements for Compliance with Legislation and the Minimum Standards (mandatory)

- No requirements were made

Recommendations for Improvement from Previous Inspection (providers are encouraged to progress these)

- No recommendations were made.

Views from Children, Parents and Carers



Children's Views	
Due to COVID19 restrictions, parents were asked to ascertain the views of their children on the setting they attend. Parents were asked to include any comments within their own parental questionnaire	
Parental Questionnaires	
(a)	A total of 15 questionnaires were sent out to parents.
(b)	A total of 3 questionnaires were returned by the time of writing this report.
(c)	Parental responses indicate that they feel their children are well cared for in the setting.
(d)	Parental responses indicate that they feel the setting is managed well.
(e)	The following are some of the comments made by a parent: "My 2 year old is happy attending crèche and has a lovely relationship with the room staff " " She loves it"
Staff Questionnaires	
(a)	A total of 12 were sent to staff.
(b)	A total of 11 were returned by the time of writing this report.
(c)	All staff responses indicate that they feel equipped to carry out their role in the setting.



Standard 1 - Safeguarding and Child Protection

Children are safeguarded through systems and practices that are consistent with the Regional Child Protection Policies and Procedures.

Inspectors Comments

From the evidence provided through provision of records/documentation, discussion and observation on the day of Inspection, the Manager demonstrated that children are safeguarded through systems and practices that are consistent with the Regional Child Protection Policies and Procedures.

Requirements for Compliance with Legislation and the Minimum Standards

- No requirements for compliance.

Recommendations for Improvement (not mandatory)

- There were no recommendations.

Standard 2 - Care, Development and Play

Children's wellbeing is promoted and their care, development and play needs met. A broad range of play and other activities is provided to develop children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual abilities.

Inspectors comments

From the evidence provided through provision of records/documentation, discussion and observation on the day of Inspection, the Manager demonstrated that children's wellbeing is promoted and their care, developmental and play needs are met. A broad range of play and other activities is provided to develop children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual abilities.

Requirements for Compliance with Legislation and the Minimum Standards

No requirements for compliance.

Recommendations for Improvement

There were no recommendations.

Standard 3 - Children's Health and Wellbeing

The overall health and wellbeing of the child is promoted and safeguarded during COVID19.

From the evidence provided through provision of records/documentation, discussion and observation on day of Inspection, the Manager demonstrated that the overall health and wellbeing of the child is promoted and safeguarded.

Requirements for Compliance with Legislation and the Minimum Standards

No requirements for compliance.



Recommendations for Improvement

There were no recommendations.

Were there issues arising at Inspection that are required to be dealt with that were not part of the Quality Area inspected?

Yes

No

x

Observations of the Care of Children

Due to COVID the time spent in the setting was limited, however the inspector had time to observe children and staff, and the activities and learning for these children within this setting are satisfactory. During the inspection there was a total of 15 children present with three staff members in attendance including the Manager. The Registered Person was also available for discussion during the Inspection process. Time periods for child observations by the Inspector was reduced due to necessary Covid restrictions in place.

Only two rooms were observed by inspectors, the 0-2year old , and 3-5year old room.

On arrival in the 0-2year old room the children were sitting at the table waiting on lunch, staff advised that they only wait for a short period. This was a social time and children were encouraged to feed themselves. Staff read them a story while they waited.

Although due to COVID natural resources seem to have been reduced there was a tray with sensory resources, there was also an area with fake grass and animals.

Staff were fully engaged with the babies and sat at their level and spoke in a relaxed manner.

In the 3-5year old room there were various resources available. There was a good use of paint for sensory play, with handprints and pumpkins, and the theme was 'Autumn'. There was also a sensory table with some sensory play being re-introduced post COVID.

The children were observed having outdoor play. The children had scope to engage freely in physical energetic play. The children were all engaged in an activity and staff were encouraging and warmly greeted the children. The children appeared happy and comfortable.

The staff were attentive and communicated well with the children, they had a good understanding of their needs and stages of development. The children approached the staff members with confidence and ease. Positive reinforcement was provided at every opportunity contributing to the development of the children's confidence and self-esteem.

Staff procedures were in place for the regular cleaning of surfaces that were observed in progress. Covid Health and Safety Risk Assessments were provided and the Daily Register had been completed and correctly updated to include relevant details.

Complaints/Concerns since Last Inspection

- No complaints/concerns have been expressed about this setting since the last annual Inspection.

Inspection Summary:



Footprints Day Nursery has dealt with the impact of COVID 19 in a satisfactory manner.

There was evidence of communication with parents re safety measures through emails and risk assessments.


Staff had knowledge of symptoms of COVID and action to take if there was a child with symptoms or a positive test result.


The necessary hygiene practices were in place.

It is the responsibility of the Registered Person to ensure that the requirements as outlined in this report are progressed as soon as possible in order to comply with legislation, the Minimum Standards and Implementation Guidance.

The Registered Person must submit an action plan which addresses the above requirements to the Trust within the required timescale (TBC).

None.

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Signature:	
Date Report Completed:	27/10/2021

Social Work Manager:	Cathy Toner
Signature:	
Date:	18/11/2021

Name of Registered Person/Leader:	
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