

Early Years Inspection Report

Sessional & Full Day Care

QUALITY OF PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Name of Service:	Kilmood Playgroup
Address of Service:	St Mary's Church Hall
	24 Kilmood Church Road
	Killinchy
Post Code:	BT22 6SA
Telephone No:	07752039036

Type of Service	Full Day Care	Play-group	Crèche	After School	Other (please advise)
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	Private	Not for Profit			
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	Age Range	Number of Children Registered for	Number of Children Present	Number of Staff Present
Room 1	3 - SSA years	26 (morning session)	22	4 staff and one student
Room 2	2yrs 9mths - 4 years	24 (afternoon Pre-Pre-session)	19	4 staff

Name of Inspector:	Madeline Maxwell
Date of inspection:	26/01/2016

The following inspection was carried out by the Early Years Team,
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Under the Children (NI) Order 1995 settings are required to be registered with their local Trust if they provide a service as a day nursery, crèche, playgroup, out of school club or holiday club.

The Trust is then required to inspect the setting at least once per year. The setting is required to adhere to the requirements of their registration certificate and to the Childminding and Day Care for Children under Age 12 - Minimum Standards. The Standards contain a number of Quality Areas. The Standards can be downloaded at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

This inspection report relates to the Quality Area of **Physical Environment**

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Date of previous inspection:	25/01/2015
Quality Area Inspected:	Management of Staffing Management and Leadership

Opening hours:	9.00am – 12.00 noon and afternoon sessions 01.30pm – 3.30pm.
Days open:	Monday – Friday morning session and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon session.

Progress from previous Inspection

Criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards	
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards have been completed.

Recommendations for improvement	
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All recommendations for improvement have been completed.

Quality of Care

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

Inspectors Comments

The leader demonstrated through discussion and observation that children are safeguarded.

Records, systems and practices partially demonstrated consistency with the Regional Child Protection Policies and Procedures.

Staff members competently conveyed their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding practices within Kilmoor Playgroup and the process involved to report concerns of a child protection nature to Trust Gateway Services.

The staff members hold relevant updated certificates in Safeguarding and Child Protection training, completed in April 2013.

The Designated Child Protection Officers hold relevant certificates in DCPO training and were present in the playgroup on the day of the Annual Inspection.

Criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards and Implementation Guidance

- The Registration Certificate need to be updated; the registration for the afternoon session is required to be amended to reflect the starting age for children attending the playgroup to be 2yrs10mths, (pre-pre group).
- An ICT / E-Safety Policy is required for the playgroup.

Recommendations for improvement

- The parent pack needs to be amended to include updated contact details.

Quality of the Physical Environment

3.13 Sufficient furniture, play equipment & materials are provided. These are appropriate for their purpose & help create an accessible & stimulating environment.

Inspectors Comments

The leader demonstrated through discussion and observation that sufficient furniture, play equipment and materials are provided. These are appropriate for their purpose and help create an accessible and stimulating environment.

The Playgroup has a wide range of play equipment and resources which are age appropriate for the children attending. The equipment is accessible to the children. There are natural play resources both inside and outside for the children to play with. The play space has clearly defined areas which included sensory play, a home corner, floor play mats and an area for rest and relaxation.

The outdoor area has age appropriate play equipment for both the morning and afternoon groups. All toys and equipment were noted to be clean and hygienic and there is appropriate surfacing in the outdoor play area. The leader is mindful to ensure that toys and equipment conforms to BS EN Safety Standards or Toy (Safety) Regulations.

There is a policy on the maintenance and replacement of play equipment which is reviewed annually.

Criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards and Implementation Guidance

- None

Recommendations for improvement

- None

3.14 The premises are safe, secure & suitable for their purpose and meet relevant statutory requirements.

Inspectors Comments

The leader demonstrated through discussion and observation that the premises are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose and meet relevant statutory requirements.

Children are safely dropped off and collected from the setting and there is a Risk Assessment in place.

There is a working telephone on the premises and the room temperature and heating is thermostatically controlled. The electrical heaters are covered with a guard and inaccessible to the children. The thermometer in the room displayed an appropriate room temperature of 18 degrees.

The outdoor play area appeared safe, secure and well maintained and was exclusively for the use of the children attending during playgroup hours. A daily outdoor Risk Assessment was available.

The room measurements reflected requirements for the number of registered places in the group.
Bins within the playgroup premises are to be covered.

Criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards and Implementation Guidance

- Bins within the playgroup premises are to be covered.

Recommendations for improvement

- None

Were there issues arising at inspection that are required to be dealt with that were not part of the Quality Area inspected?	Yes	√
	No	

Observations of the Care of Children

On the day of the inspection the children were observed taking part in a range of activities including indoor and outdoor play. Children enjoyed free play as well as more structured learning activities which included reading, singing and counting. The group's brightly coloured junk art creations were displayed. Children had adequate space to play and staff supported children's independence while maintaining their safety.

Children were observed eating their snack. Self-help skills were promoted with lots of encouragement from staff. Staff/children interactions were positive and appropriate at all times and the children approached staff members with confidence and ease. Staff referred to the children by name and there was recognition of the children's individual needs and personalities.

Overall, this appears to be a well run setting with competent staff who clearly conveyed a passion for the children's personal development.

Complaints/Concerns since Last Inspection

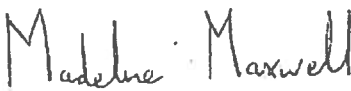
- No complaints/concerns have been expressed about this setting since the last annual inspection.


Staff Questionnaires	
(a)	A total of 4 questionnaires were sent to staff.
(b)	A total of 4 questionnaires were returned by the time of writing this report.
(c)	The majority of staff responses indicated that they feel equipped to carry out their role in the setting.
(d)	One staff member felt the following would improve their ability to carry out their role. " I am intending to complete NVQ level 5 which would be of benefit"
(e)	The following comment was made by members of staff: "My role as Deputy is to create a safe environment for our children, where any suspicions or concerns are dealt with promptly and appropriately". "I know that I can speak directly to the Committee Chair or the trained Designated Child Protection Officer if I have any concern". "I am the Designated Child Protection Officer and I feel confident that I have my training completed to provide this role".

Parental Questionnaires	
(a)	A total of 12 questionnaires were sent out to parents.
(b)	A total of 6 questionnaires were returned by the time of writing this report.
(c)	The majority of parental responses indicated that they feel their children are well cared for in the setting.
(d)	The majority of parental responses indicated that they feel the setting is managed well.
(e)	None of the parents indicated that any areas of the facility were only adequate or poor.
(f)	The following are some of the comments made by parents: "Excellent" "Kilmood PG provides my child with a child focused nurturing environment. The staff are so dedicated and my child loves Kilmood. I feel privileged that he is able to attend such a lovely preschool as did his older sister before him". "Kilmood playgroup is brilliantly run and all the children are in a great routine and have lots of fun. The teachers are kind, helpful and professional".

Recommendations from this Inspection	
(a)	<p>Criteria to be met to comply with the Minimum Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Registration Certificate need to be updated; registration for the afternoon session is required to be amended to reflect the starting age for children attending the playgroup to be 2yrs10mths. (pre-pre group) • An ICT / E-Safety Policy is required. • Bins within the playgroup premises are to be covered.
(b)	<p>Recommendations for Improvement:</p> <p>The parent pack needs to be amended to include updated contact details.</p>

Inspectors Additional Comments (if applicable)
<p>The staff members at Kilmoor Playgroup demonstrated that the children's welfare is of paramount importance. The staff have implemented extensive systems to ensure children's safety and wellbeing at all times. Staff/child ratios were appropriate and the children enjoyed the fun and interesting activities provided in the playgroup. Children's uniqueness is cherished and reflected positively throughout the setting and they are cared for with equal concern.</p>

Name of Inspector:	Madeline Maxwell
Signature:	
Date Report Completed:	19/02/2015

Social Work Manager:	Cathy Toner
Signature:	
Date:	3/03/2016

Name of Registered Person/Leader	
Signature:	
Date:	