



## Inspection Report

**Cool Kids Playgroup Rising 4s**

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## About Cool Kids Playgroup Rising 4's

Type of care provided	Children's Day Care Full Day Care
Registered Person	Mary-Anna O'Connell
Registered places	52
Language of the service	English
Previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection	<a href="#">Manual Insert</a> 6 September 2021
Is this a Flying Start service?	<a href="#">Manual Insert</a> No
Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?	No. This is a service that does not provide an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It does not anticipate, identify or meet the Welsh language needs of people /children who use, or intend to use their service.

## **Summary**

This was a focused inspection and on this occasion, we did not consider the care and development, environment or leadership and management in detail.

Children communicate confidently and can make some choices and decisions. Children settle well and learn to interact appropriately. Most children enjoy their play and have some independence.

Staff interact appropriately with children and supervise them well.

People who run the setting ensure children have enough space and most resources are suitable. They complete some risk assessments on the environment. However, certain aspects of the security and safety are not dealt with appropriately and notifications are not sent in a timely manner.

People who run the service listen to some advice to help them make improvements.

## Well-being

Children are confident to communicate with other children, staff and us. Children are listened and responded to appropriately by staff. For example, a group of children asked if they could continue to play a game rather than do a craft activity, which they were able to do. Children have some choices in how they spend their time. For example, they are asked if they would like to play indoors or outside. They can freely access most resources available. Children have a range of choices of food for snack and can decide how much or how little they want to eat.

Children are settled and those arriving from school are happy to be at the service. Children form friendships and enjoy playing alongside others, helping them feel happy and relaxed. For example, a group of children enjoyed playing football together outside. They are familiar with the environment and confidently move around.

Currently children are grouped together. All age ranges interact well together and understand the needs of others. Children are learning to share and take turns. For example, a group of children successfully played a table top game together. They took turns and understood they do not always win.

Most children engage in an activity of their choice. They enjoy playing outside. For example, a group of children were laughing and smiling as they played a game of tag outside. Children have opportunities to choose to play alongside others or on their own. For example, a child chose to sit quietly on their own and read a book.

Children have some opportunities to be independent. They are able to help themselves to their snack. Children have some free choice of resources and activities available within the area they are playing.

## Care and Development

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

Staff supervise children appropriately and routines in place help to ensure they know what is expected of them. For example, staff knew who was responsible for preparing snack and who was supervising the children. Staff are becoming more consistent in their approach to responding to children and their individual needs. They interact appropriately with them and become more involved in their play. For example, staff sat with children to play a matching game, making it fun and enjoyable and teaching children to take turns and share, valuing their participation.

## Environment

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

People who run the setting have ensured most areas are secure. However, security around who can access the service and preventing children from being able to leave unsupervised needs improving. Children have enough space indoors and outside. Due to some areas needing repair, people who run the setting have ensured more rooms are available so children have suitable spaces to play.

Most areas are suitable and have some resources appropriate for the ages and stages of development of the children. However, some resources and areas are looking very worn and tired and some children do not always have use of resources that are of a suitable condition.

## Leadership and Management

As this was a focused inspection, we have not considered this theme in full.

People who run the setting have considered some of the advice and recommendations identified at previous inspections, which has helped to ensure they meet most regulations. However, during this inspection, we found they have not addressed issues identified around the security of the premises. This area for improvement now requires a priority action. Since the inspection, the setting has provided some reassurance that a new security system has been installed but this would need testing at the next inspection.

People who run this service did not notify CIW of a significant event in a timely manner, meaning they are not fully compliant. They did not notify us that part of the premises were not in use due to them being in need of repair. This is an area for improvement and we expect the people who run the service to take action to address this in future



## Recommendations to meet with the National Minimum Standards

R1: To create a more inspiring environment that encourages and supports children with their play, learning and curiosity.

R2: To ensure a range of appropriate and interesting resources that will support children with their play are available, especially for older children, and store them so they can be accessed freely.

## Areas for improvement and action at, or since, the previous inspection. Achieved

The registered persons had not ensured there was a

Regulation 14 (1)

supernumerary manager. The registered persons must provide evidence to CIW that the manager is supernumerary, at all times, and that this person is not included in the ratios.	
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**Areas for improvement and action at, or since, the previous inspection. Not Achieved**

None	
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Where providers fail to improve we will escalate the matter by issuing a priority action notice. Where providers fail to take priority action we may escalate the matter to an Improvement and Enforcement Panel.

**Areas where priority action is required**

The registered person is not compliant with regulation 25 (c) The registered person must ensure that unnecessary risks to the health or safety of relevant children are identified and so far as possible eliminated.	<b>Regulation 25 (c)</b>
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**Areas where improvement is required**

The registered person did not notify CIW of a significant event that may have impacted on the care and wellbeing of the children in a timely manner. The registered person must notify CIW of all notifiable events set out in schedule 4 and provide information in respect of that event.	<b>Regulation 31 (2)</b>
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The area(s) identified above require improvement but we have not issued a priority action notice on this occasion. This is because there is no immediate or significant risk for people using the service. We expect the registered provider to take action to rectify this and we will follow this up at the next inspection.

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### Summary of Non-Compliance

Status	What each means
<b>New</b>	This non-compliance was identified at this inspection.
<b>Reviewed</b>	Compliance was reviewed at this inspection and was not achieved. The target date for compliance is in the future and will be tested at next inspection.
<b>Not Achieved</b>	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was not achieved.
<b>Achieved</b>	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was achieved.

We respond to non-compliance with regulations where poor outcomes for people, and / or risk to people's well-being are identified by issuing Priority Action Notice (s).

The provider must take immediate steps to address this and make improvements. Where providers fail to take priority action by the target date we may escalate the matter to an Improvement and Enforcement Panel.

### Priority Action Notice(s)

Regulation	Summary	Status
25	The registered person is not compliant with regulation 25 (c) The registered person must ensure that unnecessary risks to the health or safety of relevant children are identified and so far as possible eliminated.	Not Achieved
14	The registered persons had not ensured there was a supernumerary manager. The registered persons must provide evidence to CIW that the manager is supernumerary, at all times, and that this person is not included in the ratios.	Achieved

Where we find non-compliance with regulations but no immediate or significant risk for people using the service is identified we highlight these as Areas for Improvement.

We expect the provider to take action to rectify this and we will follow this up at the next inspection. Where the provider has failed to make the necessary improvements we will escalate the matter by issuing a Priority Action Notice.

Area(s) for Improvement		
Regulation	Summary	Status
31	The registered person is not compliant with regulation 31 (2) The registered person did not notify CIW of a significant event that may have impacted on the care and well being of the children in a timely manner. The registered person must notify CIW of all notifiable events set out in schedule 4 and provide information in respect of that event. Not achieved	New
14 (1)	The registered person had not ensured there was a super numerate manger. The registered person must prove CIW with documents to evidence there is a manager that is not included in the ratios.	Achieved
16 (1)	The Registered Person had not made suitable arrangements to establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and improving the quality of care given to children. The registered person must provide CIW with documents to evidence there is a system in place for monitoring the quality of care at least annually and this must consider the views of parent, children and staff.	Achieved

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