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Our Reference EY392715

Dear Mrs Julie Williams

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Walker, monitored your provision on 06/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 31/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirements notice required you to ensure that children are well supervised at all times; improve the system for security in the setting by ensuring that all visitors' identification is checked before entry and that children are not able to leave unsupervised; share safeguarding practices with parents so that they are informed of the importance of the procedure for checking any unfamiliar visitors to the setting, to keep children safe; and improve knowledge and understanding of risk assessment in order to effectively identify risks to children's safety and how risks will be removed or minimised.

You were also issued with a notice to improve which asked you to ensure that staff work together as a team to care for the children and are deployed adequately to meet the needs of the children, keeping them safe, indoors and outside.

The monitoring visit carried out on 6 February 2014 found that the welfare requirements notice and notice to improve had been met. Supervision of children has improved as appropriate action has been taken to enhance staff awareness and systems put in place to ensure that children are unable to leave the setting.

Security has been improved. High handles have been fitted to relevant doors and door alarm systems are also now fitted to enhance security within the setting and ensure children's safety. Visitor identification is checked on entry to reception and again on entry to the nursery. Records are made of visitors and staff and parents have been reminded of the need to check the identity of anyone they do not

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recognise. Communications have taken place with parents to advise them of the issues raised at inspection and to keep them informed of progress.

Risk assessments are now in place, which highlight potential hazards and what action the setting is taking to address these. The staff team are to undergo health and safety training to improve awareness and this is also covered with in the setting's induction process.

The staff team have been moved around the setting to ensure effective use of skills and to strengthen partnerships and team working. A new manager has been employed, who is currently undergoing an induction period. Further monitoring is required to ensure the setting can sustain the improvements already made.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the setting has taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

The next step will be further monitoring.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your setting. If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that staff work together as a team to care for the children and are deployed adequately to meet the needs of the children, keeping them safe, indoors and outside	31/01/2014	19/02/2014
ensure that all visitors are identified before entering the nursery	31/01/2014	19/02/2014