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Our Reference 224931

Dear Mrs Kathleen Mary Edwards

### **Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Barry Parnaby, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 10/09/2009. This visit follows on from your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of the visit**

As a result of our inspection on 29/06/2009, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The setting continues to make satisfactory in most areas towards the actions set out in the Welfare requirements notice. Following resignation of the old Person in Charge a new person has been appointed and she has introduced a lot of changes and worked with the staff team in introducing the key person system which has proven to be very successful. Staff spoke highly of the support received adding that they meet regularly with the parents of children in their group and are more focussed at looking at the individual needs of the children in their care.

Whilst all staff have developed via training and a greater understanding of Safeguarding procedures. They were acutely aware of the need to undertake an immediate review of the security arrangements in the setting to ensure that children are safe at all times as I was allowed to gain access to the premises unchallenged. Immediate Action is required to ensure that only those people who are employed within the setting are authorised to admit people into the building.

The Local authority members who were assigned to provide daily support to staff within the setting have now withdrawn their services, but they still attend regular advisory meetings which are proving to be very helpful to the staff.

All Criminal Record Bureau checks have been completed and Ofsted have been informed of the Changes to the PIC and other staff associated with the group.



Risk assessments continue to be undertaken at regular intervals and . Good progress has been made in a number of areas which include the external play space which greatly enhances the play and learning opportunities for the children who attend the setting.

Children continue to enjoy the range of activities which are planned for them, this allowed lots of opportunities to choose what they want to be involved in both inside and outside of the building. The new planning system continues to ensure a good balance of adult and child led activities . Good progress has been made in this area. Staff are extending their practice to involve parent's more by sending out a leaflet to find out more about the child in the family environment.

Planning continues to take a high priority in the setting and programmes are clearly displayed for parents to view and become more involved in their children's learning Newsletter are sent out which inform parents of changes and routine events . A new Old Fallings Play group booklet has also been developed which informs parents of the aims and values of the group together with information as to how they can encourage their child's interest in learning. Good relationships have been established between parent's and the child's Key person. The staff discuss regularly children's progress which includes sharing observation records and the next steps in the learning process for their child. Throughout my visit I was impressed with the commitment of the staff team to introduce new initiatives and ideas which they are working on positively as a team. Whilst there is still further work to be done on observing and recording children's work over a period of time good progress continues to be made in this area.

Overall the monitoring visit shows that staff have worked hard to meet the actions imposed in the Welfare Requirement Notice . Their has been a noticeable improvement in most areas which have been monitored during visits made on the 03 April 2009,01 May 2009 and 29 June 2009. and the most recent on the 10 September 2009. Further work is required on assessment, observation and children's individual plans to consolidate the good work that has been introduced . These improvements have been made by the commitment shown by the staff team and the support received from the Local Authority and other agencies.

## NEXT STEPS

Having considered all evidence the Inspector is of the opinion that at this time: -

\* The setting has continued to make Satisfactory progress in addressing points for improvement. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time the setting is making satisfactory improvement overall.

### **Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children**

Satisfactory progress has been made in most areas . Further consolidation work required on Observation of Children , planning and assessments.

### **Next steps**

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The setting has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Brown".

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