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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 01/12/2009. 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 progress in most areas towards the actions set out in the welfare requirements notice. There is a noticeable improvement in the way staff are planning activities for the children. Basic profiles have been established for all children which resulted from an exercise undertaken by staff. All children have a personal development file into which staff are entering observations into. This is providing a solid picture of the children's next steps in learning. An example of the entries are :- uses shapes, shows curiosity in materials and numbers.

The weekly planners are displayed for parents to see and staff are working hard to try and engage parents in their children's learning and development. They are hoping to set up parent's evenings around the christmas theme and are planning for key persons to meet and share children's progress within the setting.

A review has been undertaken of the security within the setting and all staff and church members have been instructed on the need to maintain vigilance in this area.

During the inspection some children observed were not taking part in any activities and were left in isolation, an example of this is one young child was crying and looked quite anxious.

An examination of the new development files shows that a lot of work has gone into observing and monitoring children's progress , however, some files were not up to date. The person in charge acknowledged that these need to be kept up to date in order monitor and meet children's individual needs.

Good support continues to be provided from the early years team ( local authority) who are assisting staff in developing the service. A full review has been undertaken of the settings policies and procedures which provides staff and parents with clear guidance for practice.

The key persons are now taking a positive approach to implementing and developing observations of children's progress and assessment records to identify the next steps in children's learning. More work is needed ensure that these are kept up to date for all children.

The management in consultation with the early years partnership have been successful in obtaining financial aid to enable them to refurbished the external play areas and provide a new security fence around the setting.

New initiatives are being considered to engage parents in their children's learning and further develop links with other local child care providers in the area.

There is a positive spirit in the staff team who are working hard to improve the quality of the service provided.

Overall the monitoring visit shows that staff are continuing to work hard to meet the actions imposed in the welfare requirement notice . There has been positive 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 to consolidate the good work that has taken place on assessments, observations and children's individual plans to ensure that every child's individual needs are met .

## NEXT STEPS

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

\* The setting has continued to make positive 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**

The setting has made significant progress in all areas and the new assessments are

enabling staff to plan programmes more effectively to meet individual children's needs.

A full review of security review has been undertaken within the setting which has ensured children are safe at all times. Staff are planning to hold meetings with parents to involve them in their children's learning and to engage them in the next steps of their learning.

Regular meetings are being held with the Early Years Partnership who are assisting staff to further develop the assessments and planning programmes. They have also assisted staff in obtaining additional financial aid to refurbish and improve the security arrangements in the external play area. This will allow the children greater opportunities to enjoy external play in improved and safer environment.

In order to fully promote outcomes in all areas. Staff need to undertake further work on consolidating the assessment procedures to ensure that these are kept up to date and ensure that all children's needs are met.

### **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 blue ink that reads "Sheila Brown".

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