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Topkidz @ Dundale "The Kabin"
Dundale Infants School
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Our Reference EY371821

Dear Mrs Modupe Balogun

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Maureen East, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 12/01/2010. 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 19/11/2009, we sent you a notice to improve.

As a result of the inspection you were issued with a notice to improve. The actions raised under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements were: plan and organise systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs including undertaking sensitive observational assessments in order to plan to meet young children's individual needs, Organisation; implement effective systems to ensure that any person caring for, or in regular contact with children are suitable to do so and keep records of information to demonstrate to Ofsted that checks have been done, Suitable people; ensure an effective safeguarding policy, which includes procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff is in place and ensure all staff understand the safeguarding policy and procedure, Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare; ensure half of all staff hold a full and relevant level 2 qualification and all adults looking after children have appropriate qualifications, training, skills and knowledge, Suitable people; ensure there is a named deputy who is able to take charge in the absence of the manager, Suitable people; ensure at least two adults are on duty in a setting at any time when children are present, Suitable people; take the necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children through ensuring children are kept safe when on outings (this refers to children travelling in taxis from neighbouring schools to attend the After School Club), Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare; ensure each child in the Early Years Foundation Stage is assigned a key person, Organisation and maintain records for the safe and efficient management of



the setting and to meet the needs of children to include accurate records of attendance, Documentation.

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

From the evidence gathered at the first monitoring visit on 12 January 2010 satisfactory progress has been made following the issue of the Notice to Improve. An appropriately qualified and experienced deputy is now in place who worked with the manager for a few sessions as an induction before the end of the Autumn term. The adverse weather prevented the after school club opening as planned for the New Year, the 12 January was the first day that the club was able to run. Following discussion between the staff team planning based on children's interests was prepared for the first session. Numbers of children attending were lower than usual as one of the schools using the club was still not open. The provider has arranged additional time for the manager and the deputy to work together to prepare the longer term planning and assessment to meet the needs of the children attending. A Topkidz settling in form is now in place to enable the staff to gather relevant information about the child before they attend. A balance of appropriate resources and games were available for selection on the first day of opening with some children preferring to relax in the quieter area when they had finished their tea. Staff records have been updated with the details of the deputy manager and appropriate action has been taken by the provider to ensure all staff have an enhanced Criminals Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure in place. Training dates have been booked for those members of staff who need to update their first aid certificate and their safeguarding training.

The provider is working closely with the Young in Herts, Early Years Consultant, in particular, to update the club's policies. The safeguarding policy has been given high priority and this updated version will include a step by step process of what to do if an allegation is ever made against a member of staff. Once this is in its final version it will be shared with all managers of the Topkidz group and all staff. Appropriate safe guarding contact numbers are in place within the club if there are any concerns. Necessary steps will be taken to ensure the safety of the children when they are collected by taxi from the various schools as appropriately qualified and suitable staff holding a clear CRB disclosure will collect the children at all times. All children within the Early Years age group will be assigned a key worker to ensure they feel settled and secure in the club. The provider is fully aware that the children's attendance records must be accurately recorded which includes precise time of arrival and departure.

The children enjoyed chatting with their friends and the staff about their news from Christmas and their play in the snow during a relaxed tea time session. The staff were on hand to support the children in their play by looking at books together, assisting with a cutting activity and joining in with their skipping game.

Another monitoring visit will be carried out to ensure that proposed plans to meet the actions have been carried out and that the progress made at this early stage can be sustained.

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".

Sheila Brown HMI
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