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Dear Mrs Soulla Theodosia Brueton

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 18/02/2010. 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 01/12/2009, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice required you to: conduct a risk assessment which identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis; maintain records of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children – both indoors and outdoors – are kept to a minimum

From evidence gathered at the visit on the 27 January 2010 the provider had not completed a risk assessment and therefore aspects of the environment that needed to be checked on a regular basis had not been identified. A record of the aspects to be regularly checked had not been maintained. Some progress had been made in removing hazards. However, not all hazards had been removed or minimised. Therefore, the inspector continued to monitor the Welfare Requirement Notice.

From evidence gathered at the visit on 18 February 2010 the inspector was satisfied that the provider had met the Welfare Requirement Notice.

As a result of the inspection on 1 December 2010 a notice to improve was also issued. This notice required you to: ensure that all children are supported in their progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning by making systematic observations and using these to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child; improve staff's knowledge and understanding of the Early Years



Foundation Stage so that they provide children with an educational programme that will enable them to make progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning; ensure that at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present. There must also be at least one person on outings who has a current paediatric first aid certificate; demonstrate how you ensure adult:child ratios are maintained at all times as stated in Appendix 2 of the Statutory Framework for the EYFS; this is with reference to having qualified staff in place; take all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children, both indoors and outdoors, are kept to a minimum; this refers to the use of the hall and not having sole use of the premises during operating hours; ensure you obtain written parental permission, at the time of the child's admission to the provision, to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment in the future.

From evidence gathered at the visit on the 27 January 2010 children were not supported in their progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning because the provider did not understand how to use systematic observations to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child. In addition, the provider and staff had not improved their knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Therefore, the notice to improve was re-issued with increased timescales to give the provider opportunity to access support from an Advisory Teacher. The date for completion is 19 March 2010.

The inspector was satisfied that the provider had met the action in relation to ensuring adult:child ratios are maintained at all times as stated in Appendix 2 of the Statutory Framework for the EYFS.

The provider had not obtained written parental permission to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment for all children. Permission was missing from a child's file. Therefore the notice to improve was escalated to a welfare requirement notice. The date for completion was 15 February 2010. From evidence gathered at the visit on the 18 February 2010 the inspector is satisfied that this welfare requirement notice has been met.

The completion date to ensure that at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present was 29 January 2010. From evidence gathered at the visit on 18 February 2010 this action has not been met as courses are over-subscribed. The action will be re-issued with increased timescales.

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

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- ensure that all children are supported in their progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning by making systematic observations and using these to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child (Early learning goals) 19/03/2010
- improve staff's knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage so that they provide children with an educational programme that will enable them to make progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning (Educational programmes) 19/03/2010
- ensure that at least one person with a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present. There must also be at least one person on outings who has a current paediatric first aid certificate (Promoting good health) (also applies to the Childcare Register) 30/04/2010

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

Overall, the provider has made satisfactory progress in addressing the issues highlighted in the welfare requirement notice and the notice to improve.

The provider has devised a comprehensive risk assessment that highlights potential hazards. Where hazards have been identified, steps have been taken to either remove or minimise the risks to children. The provider will check the premises on daily basis to ensure they remain safe.

She has obtained written parental permission to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment for all children.

The provider is receiving the support of an Advisory Teacher and Inclusion Officer to help her improve her own and staff's knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has started to record observations but still requires guidance on how to use these to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child.

Neither members of staff hold a current paediatric first aid certificate. Although the provider has tried to access a course, she has been told there is a waiting list until April 2010. She will ensure she is on the waiting list and will forward confirmation of this to the inspector.

Staff are aware that they need to improve to raise the standard of education offered to the children. They have identified that they need training and support from other agencies to help them achieve this. The provider will continue to be monitored to assess their ability to sustain improvements and to ensure children are making progress and are supported in their progress towards the early learning goals in all areas of learning.

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

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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