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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 16/09/2010. 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

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.

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

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

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 had not been met as courses are over-subscribed. The action was re-issued with increased timescales.

From evidence gathered at the visit on 18 May 2010 the provider and the deputy manager have attended a paediatric first aid course and a certificate of attendance is in place.

Some progress has been made in supporting children in their progress towards the early learning goals. The provider has begun to record systematic observations to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child. However, there is little evidence to show children are making progress in all areas of their learning. Systems for recording observations and individual planning are in place. The provider is now using the observations to assess children's achievements and progress towards some

of the early learning goals. However, insufficient observations are taking place to cover all areas of learning. Therefore, the notice to improve was re-issued. The date for completion is 31 July 2010.

The provider and staff have made progress in improving their knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. An educational programme is in place. The inspector is satisfied that this action has been met.

There is a wide range of equipment in place but there is little scope within the nursery for free movement and well-spread activities. The indoor space is over-crowded with equipment and resources. This impacts on the learning environment because children are not provided with sufficient space to extend their play. Although good consideration is given to providing a range of activities, there is no variety to which resources are provided. This is because the provider does not rotate equipment. A notice to improve was issued that asks the provider to ensure the premises and equipment is organised in a way that meets the needs of the children. This refers to providing adequate space to give scope for free movement and well-spread activities. The date for completion is 18 June 2010.

The provider is receiving the support of an Senior Early Years Foundation Stage Consultant and Inclusion Officer. This has helped the provider to improve her own and staff's knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is recording some observations and uses these to plan relevant and motivating experiences for each child. The nursery provides for children with English as an additional language and two children attend who do not speak any English. This presents challenges for the provider in gaining information about the children's starting points. The provider engages the children in activities using animated body language to help them understand. She uses puppets to ensure all children are included in story time. Children were observed to show delight as they interacted with the puppets. The provider read a book that had different textures that she invited the children to touch. This ensured the children who could not understand the story were able to participate.

Both members of staff now hold a current paediatric first aid certificate.

From evidence gathered at the visit on 16 September 2010 the provider is recording some observations to cover all areas of learning but these are not all up to date. She acknowledges that this must be an ongoing process to ensure children continue to make progress.

The environment is welcoming to children with a wide range of equipment in place. There is now scope within the nursery for free movement and well-spread activities. Most of the indoor space is no longer over-crowded with equipment and resources and children are provided with sufficient space to extend their play. However, there is still scope to create more space. The premises and equipment is organised in a way that meets the needs of the children. For example, messy play activities such as sand, water, painting and drawing are provided in one room, and imaginary play, construction activities, the book area and puzzles are provided in the other room.

Children can free flow between the two rooms and also access the outside area. Discussion took place with the provider regarding sustaining the improvements made at each monitoring visit, to ensure the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage continue to be met.

The setting has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be an inspection.

Next steps

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

- The setting has made satisfactory improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

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 "S.P. Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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