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Our Reference EY397068

Dear Miss Joy Anderson

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Heather Allen, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 08/02/2011. 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 06/07/2010, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

There were two welfare requirements notices and 11 improvement notices set, which required the provider to improve the provision within the nursery. The provider was not complying with the welfare requirement relating to 'suitable people' and two welfare requirements notices were therefore set requiring the provider to ensure that all adults having unsupervised access to children are suitable to do so and that half of all staff hold a full and relevant Level 2 qualification. One action was also set under this welfare requirement requiring the provider to ensure that staff develop their knowledge and understanding of the Statutory Framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and guidance.

In addition, six actions were set under the welfare requirement relating to 'safeguarding and promoting children's welfare'. These required the provider to: obtain written parental permission for emergency medical advice and treatment; ensure there is a member of staff present who has current paediatric first aid training; ensure the required policies and procedures are in place; ensure staff understand and implement the Special Educational Needs code of practice; carry out risk assessments for each type of outing; and ensure fresh drinking water is available for children. An action was set relating to 'suitable premises, environment and equipment' requiring the provider to take all reasonable steps to keep hazards to a minimum. An action was also set relating to 'documentation' requiring the provider to maintain records confidentially. In addition, the provider was set two actions with regard to the learning and development needs of children in the early years age

group.

On 3 September 2010, we carried out a visit to the premises to check the provider had met the actions set. Following the visit, the overall judgement remained inadequate. This was because the setting has been closed over the summer holidays and the provider had not had an opportunity to fully address four actions. These included requirements to undertake sensitive observational assessments of young children, plan and organise systems to meet children's individual needs, carry out a full risk assessment for each type of outing and ensure that adults looking after children have appropriate training, skills and knowledge in order to implement the requirements of the EYFS. The dates for completion of these actions was extended.

At this visit we found the provider had made satisfactory progress in addressing the two welfare requirements notices and seven of the improvement notices. Steps had been taken to protect children in the event of an accident. Written parental permission had been obtained from all parents for the seeking of emergency medical advice and treatment. Three members of staff had completed paediatric first aid training, with training arranged for two additional members of staff. A risk assessment of the premises had been carried out and maintenance work completed to make safe any potential hazards to children. The setting was receiving ongoing support from an Early Years advisor. All required policies and procedures were in place, with regular reviews planned. A Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) was appointed, taking responsibility for ensuring that staff understood and were able to implement the Special Educational Needs code of practice. Records were maintained giving due regard to confidentiality. Children could help themselves to fresh drinking water which was easily accessible in the hall.

The provider was required to ensure that half of all staff hold a full and relevant Level 2 qualification and that adults having unsupervised access to children are suitable to do so. A new manager, deputy manager and nursery practitioner had been recruited with relevant qualifications and training. Children are better protected because processes are now in place to check the suitability of staff and the provider does not allow people whose suitability has not been checked to have unsupervised contact with children being cared for. Some staff had recently attended training with regard to the EYFS. Further training had been arranged for other staff who still had limited knowledge and understanding in this area, especially with regard to the learning and development requirements.

On 23 November 2010, a monitoring visit was conducted. Satisfactory progress had been made in addressing all of the actions raised. Children had experienced a range of outings in the autumn term, including visits to the local market and library. The provider had taken positive steps to safeguard children on these outings, including completing individual risk assessments prior to each outing which highlighted any

potential hazards and the action taken to minimise them. A new manager has been appointed with relevant childcare qualifications and knowledge of the requirements of the EYFS. Staff members had been proactive in attending relevant training to improve their skills and knowledge, including training in safeguarding children. One member of staff had completed a Level 2 qualification in childcare.

A key person had been allocated for each child, facilitating continuity of care. Children enjoyed a wide range of activities, both indoors and outdoors. Indoors they learnt about different colours and the days of the week. Children had ample opportunities for fresh air and physical play in the adjoining outdoor play area. Children's individual folders included samples of their work, as well as written observations giving details of children's achievements and the next steps planned to further develop their skills. Staff used activity planning sheets to plan future activities for children in all areas of learning. These showed the learning experiences planned for children and how the activities would be adapted to meet the individual needs of young children, including those who were more able or needed more support. However, there was no system in place to demonstrate that the observations carried out by staff, and the activities planned, enabled children to develop their skills and progress through the early learning goals. This remained an area for development.

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

To comply with the requirements of the EYFS the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

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| • make sure that adults looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so | 16/02/2011 |
| • keep written records of all medicines administered to children, and inform parents | 16/02/2011 |
| • improve the daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises, so that it includes full details of their hours of attendance | 16/02/2011 |

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

On 8 February 2011, we carried out a monitoring visit to the premises. We found the setting had made inadequate improvement since our last visit due to concerns with regard to safeguarding. We found that children were taken unsupervised to the toilet by staff whose suitability had not been checked. It is a requirement that providers must ensure that adults looking after children, or having unsupervised access to them, are suitable to do so. A notice to improve had previously been issued asking the provider to ensure this requirement was met. The provider has therefore been issued with a welfare requirements requiring the provider to:

*make sure that adults looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so (The Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirements - Suitable people).

In addition, we found that the daily record of children looked after on the premises did not always include a record of the times of departure of children. The provider had previously been issued with a notice to improve asking for a daily record to be kept of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance. We also found that a written record was not always kept of all medicines administered to children. This places children at risk when they are ill. The provider has therefore been issued with a notice to improve asking the provider to:

* improve the daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises, so that it includes full details of their hours of attendance (The Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirements - Documentation)

* keep written records of all medicines administered to children, and inform parents (The Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirements - Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare).

Satisfactory progress had been made with regard to the learning and development requirements. Staff carry out regular observations on children and use these observations to plan children's next steps in learning. All children have their own folder which contains samples of their work and photographs showing the activities they have experienced. Children enjoy participating in a range of experiences, both indoors and outdoors. The outdoor area is laid to astro turf and suitable for outdoor play in all weather. Children also have ample space to play indoors and a choice of activities. Children learn the days of the week and enjoy musical movement sessions. Staff are acquiring further knowledge about the learning and development requirements through the support of their Early Years advisor. Although children's records currently do not always show how children are making progress through the early learning goals, staff are gaining skills in this area. Staff are pro-active in attending training to update their skills and knowledge so they can further support children.

Next steps

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

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

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 style with a large initial "S" and a distinct "P" and "G".

Susan Gregory HMI
National Director, Inspection Delivery



For the attention of: Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement Team.

Reply slip

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ACTIONS

Please complete the box below to show what you have done in order to meet the action required:

Action Required	Action Taken	Date Completed
make sure that adults looking after children or having unsupervised access to them are suitable to do so		
keep written records of all medicines administered to children, and inform parents		
improve the daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises, so that it includes full details of their hours of attendance		

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