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Dear Mrs Bhavna Parmar

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Zoe Smith, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 01/12/2011. 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 01/07/2011, we sent you a notice to improve.

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage as set out in Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare the notice required you to: ensure all staff understand the safeguarding policy including the procedure to be followed in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff; to request information from parents about who has legal contact with the child and who has parental responsibility for the child; request written parental permission to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment in the future; provide a first aid box with appropriate content to meet the needs of children and ensure those responsible for the preparation of food are competent to do so

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage as set out in Suitable premises, the requirements of the Childcare Register and to help keep children safe the notice required you to conduct a risk assessment to identify aspects of the provision that need to be checked on a regular basis and maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked.

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage as set out in Organisation and to improve outcomes for children the notice required you to 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.

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage as set out in Documentation the notice required you to keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register as set out in Arrangements for safeguarding children the notice required you to keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect.

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

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

Since the last monitoring visit in September 2011 the setting has made good progress, maintained improvements they have already made and they have continued to make further improvements. The registered person and the staff team are pro-active in working together and have taken the necessary steps to meet the welfare requirements. They have attended additional training to develop their skills and knowledge and to improve the quality of the play and learning. An Early Years Development Worker employed by the Local Authority is providing support and training to help staff develop their skills and practice. Staff have attended training on observations and quality provision for two year olds. They have more training planned to help them further develop systems for tracking children's progress. This has enabled staff to devise effective systems to ensure that the individual needs of all children are met. Staff know the individual children in their care well and that they use this knowledge to plan activities that are of interest to children and designed to help them take the next steps in their learning. Children are provided with a wide range of interesting and fun activities that are appropriate to their stage of development and are helping them to progress towards the early learning goals.

Children are now well safeguarded and their welfare actively promoted. All staff members have attended safeguarding training delivered by the Local Authority. Suitable safeguarding policies are now in place and staff now understand procedures and their individual responsibility to implement them should they have concerns. Staff demonstrate that they know and understand the setting's safeguarding procedures and what action they must take should they have concerns about a child's wellbeing or if an allegation is made about another member of staff. The setting have now obtained information from all parents about who has legal contact with the child and who has parental responsibility for the child.

Children's health and wellbeing is now well promoted at the setting. Written parental permission has been obtained to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment in the future. An appropriately stocked first aid kit has been purchased and systems have been put in place to ensure the contents of the kit are regularly checked and replenished. Those responsible for the preparation and handling of food are now competent to do so. This is because the setting has

appointed a cook to take responsibility for food preparation and they now have three members of staff with a current food hygiene certificate.

Children's safety is now better protected and clear systems are in place to minimise the risk from any identified hazards. Risk assessment have been conducted which identify aspects of the provision that need to be checked on a regular basis. Daily safety checks are conducted and recorded to ensure that safety precautions are in place. The registered provider and manager are pro-active in taking immediate action to rectify any issues that are identified to minimise potential hazards. Recently during a daily safety check they noted a problem with a shutter and took immediate action to get the shutter repaired. The setting is now able to account for all the children in their care in an emergency because they now keep an accurate daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

Good progress has been made in improving how the setting 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. Improvements to observations, tracking of children's progress and planning for their next steps are ongoing. Staff have a good knowledge of the individual children in their care, their interests and abilities. They use this knowledge to plan activities designed to be fun and to help children take the next steps in their learning. Staff provided lots of large boxes and crates for children to build with. The activity was planned to assist a child in developing their physical skills whilst having fun. When a child wanted to make a parrot – staff provided lots of resources and materials to facilitate his interests. Then they displayed the parrots on the wall for the children and their parents to see. Observations are now used to identify how to challenge children and to help them take the next steps in their learning. Children's play areas are organised to provide interesting, well resourced and easily accessible learning areas.

Children are interested in and enjoy their play and activities. Staff are aware of the individual interests of children in their care and how to meet their individual needs. Staff are becoming increasingly confident in using questioning techniques to help expand children's learning by encouraging them to reflect and think. Staff introduce new vocabulary when they talk with children, they talk about worms being squishy, long and small and the noises and pretty colours made by fireworks.

The setting has demonstrated they have taken the necessary action to meet the requirements of the EYFS. They have been able to maintain improvements made and are actively working to continually improve the care and learning environment they provide. Therefore, the next visit will be a full inspection.

Next steps

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

- The setting has made good 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

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