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Our Reference 221639

Dear Ms. Yvonne Murrell

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Elaine Nightingale, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 21/03/2012. 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 14/12/2011, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

You were required to ensure that: the premises, both indoors and outdoors are safe and secure and take steps to prevent intruders entering the premises; the risk assessments take account of outdoor spaces, furniture, equipment and toys so that they are safe and suitable for purpose; the record is maintained and includes any information about when and by whom they have been checked and children's hours of attendance are recorded.

Actions were also set to ensure:

Children's health is promoted and steps taken to prevent the spread of infection; a record of accidents and first aid treatment kept and parents informed of accidents and injuries sustained and first aid treatment given; evidence of enhanced Criminal Record Bureau checks obtained is kept; a balance of adult led and child initiated activities are provided and delivered through indoor and outdoor play; observational assessments are undertaken in order to meet children's individual needs; systems are organised so that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs and that records are easily accessible and available for inspection by Ofsted.

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

The action taken to address the welfare requirements issued following the last inspection is satisfactory. Monitoring visits took place on 13 January 2012 and 21 March 2012. The action taken to implement the improvements required is satisfactory as the welfare requirements and actions to improve have been met or met in part.

We found that the premises are secure indoors and outside promoting children's safety and welfare. Risk assessments take account of outdoor and indoor spaces and now require that equipment and toys are assessed to ensure they are safe and suitable for purpose. There is a brief check list; this does not indicate when and by whom safety checks have been made. The identification of the potential risks on the check list is not sufficiently specific. The provider agreed to review the check list and ensure there is a record of when and by whom checks have been completed. Procedures to ensure potential hazards to children are effectively minimised have improved.

Satisfactory improvement has been made to hand washing procedures and staff members are aware of the importance of preventing cross-infection to promote children's well-being. A daily record of the children's hours of attendance is maintained and all children's arrival and departure times are recorded daily. There is a record of accidents and first aid treatment that have been completed and signed by parents. All children have a personal day to day book where minor injuries from home or small issues are noted. 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 has been sought. Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosures have been obtained for all staff members and all requested records were accessible for inspection. Action has been taken to improve the records kept to promote safe and efficient management of the setting and to meet the needs of the children.

Systems have been better organised so that children's identified next steps in learning are used to inform activity planning. This information is also made available to staff members who use the planning records to support children and ensure they receive an enjoyable and more challenging learning and development experience. A new format has been introduced for recording the observations staff make about children's learning and development. These observations are not yet recorded with sufficient frequency or balance across the areas of learning and the effectiveness of the activities planned is not formally evaluated to ensure children's individual needs are fully met. The outdoor activities have not been extended satisfactorily and indoor activities observed were mainly adult led. There is not yet an appropriate balance to include freely-chosen or child initiated activities delivered through indoor and outdoor play.

As improvements are to be implemented, some of the outcome judgements remain as inadequate. A further monitoring visit is to be made to assess the effectiveness of the improvements agreed.

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

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