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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 13/06/2012. 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, 21 March 2012 and 13 June 2012. The action taken to implement the improvements required is satisfactory as the welfare requirements and actions to improve have been met.

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. A daily check list is completed and initialled and shows when and by whom safety checks have been made. The identification of the potential risks on the check list is sufficiently specific. Procedures to ensure potential hazards to children are effectively minimised have improved and are regularly reviewed.

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 improved 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 recorded with sufficient frequency and balance across the areas of learning. Observations made of children's engagement in activities planned indicate that the effectiveness of the activities planned is evaluated, ensuring children's individual needs are met. The outdoor activities have been satisfactorily extended to include additional areas of learning. Indoor activities observed were both adult and child led better enabling children to concentrate on and develop their own interests and support the development of independence skills.

As all required improvements have been implemented and sustained, the overall outcome judgement is satisfactory and the next step 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 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

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