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Dear Miss Sara Jayne Dean

## Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Law, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 23/07/2013. 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 19/04/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

The notice to improve asked you to:

ensure that observations are purposeful and provide sufficient information to formulate the next steps for individual children that effectively link into the planning systems.

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

Monitoring visits were carried out on 7 November 2012, 31 January, 19 April and 23 July 2013. The setting continues to work hard on improving outcomes for children with the support of the local authority.

Focused activities provided for children in the baby and toddler room have clear learning objectives, are age appropriate and fun. For example, the babies particularly enjoyed taking part in a teddy bear's picnic where they joined in with their favourite action songs, and the toddlers enjoyed burying their feet and exploring the properties of sand on their 'beach'.

Resources for the older children did not sufficiently support the planned activity at





the time of the inspection. Whilst a variety of mark making resources were provided for the children to draw gardening related pictures linked to their current topic, many of the pencil crayons needed sharpening. This caused some children to be frustrated and led to boredom.

Progress to meet the actions raised, at both the initial inspection and the subsequent monitoring visits, has been maintained. The setting and the local authority identified that practitioners required further training in observations of, and planning for, children's learning and development and a suite of training has been completed.

Observations are now undertaken with purpose; the next steps in children's learning and development are identified and link to the planning. This means the information gathered is beginning to accurately measure progress. The setting has now successfully completed all the actions relating to learning and development.

Overall, the setting has made satisfactory progress in meeting all the actions raised at the inspection. 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 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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