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Dear Miss Anita Dawn O'Hara

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Walker, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 19/07/2013. 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 10/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The notice required you to:

ensure the nursery implements sufficiently robust safeguarding policies and procedures, including notifying Ofsted and the local statutory children's services agencies of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person working with children, and to

ensure that premises and equipment are clean and health and safety legislation is met, including hygiene requirements; for instance, appropriate hygiene practices are followed when changing nappies and that areas and resources used by children are sufficiently clean.

We also issued a notice to improve which asked you to:

develop the key person role to ensure that children become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship for the child and build a relationship with parents,

improve the programme for communication and language by monitoring staff's consistency in using effective strategies, and to

improve arrangements for assessing children's abilities to more accurately monitor their rate of progress and identify any achievement gaps.

On 19 July we carried out a monitoring visit and found that you had proactively addressed the points raised in the welfare requirements notice. Discussion took place regarding the issues raised on the notice to improve, however, the date for meeting these issues had not passed. You were judged to have been making satisfactory progress overall.

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 visit carried out on the 19 July 2013 found that you had considered the points raised with regard to safeguarding practice. You confirmed that you had reviewed your setting's practice and checked policies to ensure they meet with requirements. You have ensured that staff training is up-to-date and some staff have attended a Disclosure and Barring Services workshop to become familiar with changes in processes. Senior staff are attending training to secure their knowledge of identifying safeguarding issues, which impacts positively on the safeguarding practices within the setting.

You have reviewed the cleaning rota in the playrooms and initiated further checking systems to ensure that changing mats are cleaned before and after use and discussed these with staff in order to maintain hygiene and cleanliness.

You arrange the key person system around children's routines and ensure a buddy arrangement is in place. All staff contribute to observations and these are used to inform planning. You have discussed with staff the importance of using effective strategies for communication and learning and will be monitoring this through observation and supervision, offering support where necessary. You were able to discuss the systems in place for assessment of children's learning and that any observations made by apprentices are checked before being inputted to the online tool in use. You advised that staff ensure children's learning is secure and that they are able to transfer the skills they have acquired before moving on to next steps.

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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