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Stepping Stones Private Day Nursery
20 Claremount Road
Boothtown
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Our Reference 303706

Dear Mr David Charles Marsden

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Law, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 04/11/2013. 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 10/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice required you to:

ensure hygiene procedures are rigorous enough to prevent the spread of infection, particularly ensuring there are sufficient requisites such as paper towels and face cloths

record information about staff qualifications and the identity checks and vetting processes that have been completed, including the Disclosure and Barring Service Check, reference number, the date a disclosure was obtained and details of who obtained it, for all persons working or volunteering on the premises

Also, a notice to improve which asked you to:

ensure children's individual needs and stage of development are considered when planning a range of challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child to promote their learning and development

use the information obtained from observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles

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

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- use the information obtained from observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles 31/12/2013
- ensure children's individual needs and stage of development are considered when planning a range of challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child to promote their learning and development 31/12/2013

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

A monitoring visit was carried out on 4 November 2013 to monitor compliance with the welfare requirements notice only. The notice to improve will be monitored at a later date.

The provider has taken immediate action to ensure that there are sufficient necessary items to promote good hygiene practices. The washing machine has been replaced which means that face cloths can be laundered as required. When stocks of paper towels are running low, room leaders are aware of the procedures to ensure that new stocks are available before they run out.

Disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks have now been completed for all staff and volunteers who work directly with the children. Students without a DBS check do not work unsupervised with the children and are not included in the ratios.

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

Susan Gregory HMI
National Director, Inspection Delivery

For the attention of: Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement Team.

Reply slip

Name and Address of setting:

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ACTIONS

Please complete the box below to show what you have done in order to meet the action required:

Action Required	Action Taken	Date Completed
use the information obtained from observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles		
ensure children's individual needs and stage of development are considered when planning a range of challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child to promote their learning and development		

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