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Dear Mrs Neharika Khagram

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Sonia Lobo, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 02/12/2013. 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 09/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

In order to ensure that children are adequately protected and safeguarded you were issued a welfare requirements notice that required you to: ensure that the lead person responsible for safeguarding understands the safeguarding procedures to be able to respond with urgency to serious matters affecting the safety of children and to make sure that staff who have not been through vetting procedures are not left alone with children.

Following the inspection completed on 09 October 2013 you were also issued with a notice to improve. The actions required you to: ensure that lead staff have the confidence, knowledge and skills to be able to carry out their role effectively; implement systems of self-evaluation and use these to drive continuous improvement in the provision by identifying its strengths and weaknesses and prioritising future improvements; ensure that children are provided with a balanced range of experiences across all areas of learning both indoors and outdoors with particular reference to literacy and the understanding of the world; ensure that children who are learning English as an additional language are appropriately supported by planning resources and activities around their individual needs; develop the education programme for physical development in order to promote children's good health to enhance children's self-awareness and personal care skills and to develop observation and assessment systems to ensure that staff use these to plan appropriately to promote children's individual learning.

During the monitoring visit carried out on 02 December 2013, it was noted that the setting are working towards meeting these requirements, but further work is needed to ensure all aspects of the requirements are fully met. Progress will be checked as part of the monitoring process. The lead person who is responsible for safeguarding has an improved understanding of the safeguarding procedures and is better able to respond with urgency to serious matters affecting the safety of children. All core staff are vetted but any new staff and volunteers who are yet to undergo the required checks and vetting procedures are not left alone with children.

The setting are working with the parents and other professional agencies to ensure children's development in all areas of learning is fully considered. Planning and assessments are underway. However, observations are yet to be evaluated for all children and used to inform planning that promotes an individualised programme of learning for each child. Children's learning and development remains an area where further improvement is required and these aspects will continue to be monitored.

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 provider has taken steps to implement systems of self-evaluation and uses these to drive continuous improvement and outcomes for children. Children are provided with a balanced range of experiences across all areas of learning indoors although this is yet to be fully extended to the outdoors. Children's good health is being promoted and their sense of self-awareness and personal care skills are being nurtured through daily care routines. Children who are learning English as an additional language are being supported by planning resources and some activities around their individual needs but this is not yet integral to staff practice and will be monitored at the next monitoring visit.

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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