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Dear Mr Harjinder Sandhu

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Patricia Ferguson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 06/11/2013. 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 22/05/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice asked you to:

ensure that reasonable steps are taken to promote the safety of children in case of an emergency; this is specifically in relation to providing appropriate safety clothing and equipment to protect children from associated risks, when participating in the barbeque activity

ensure that risk assessments, when related to specific issues, such as the barbeque activity, are adequate to inform staff and to demonstrate how risks are managed

ensure risk assessments identify aspects of the environment that needs to be checked on a regular basis; in particular the outside environment, in relation to the climbing equipment and how many children utilise it at any one time.

We also sent you a notice of actions to improve that asked you to:

ensure all practitioners have a clear understanding about the different ways that children learn and how to teach effectively by, for example, playing and exploring alongside them, and asking them questions with many possible answers

improve the educational programme for personal social and emotional development, for example, by encouraging children to talk about their behaviour and others behaviour and its consequences to allow children more opportunities to take

responsibility for their own and others' safety and help them develop a positive sense of themselves.

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 the 15/07/2013, 22/08/2013 and the 6/11/2013. The actions raised in the welfare requirements notice were met during the monitoring visit of 15/07/2013. The setting is now meeting all actions raised. Senior management now have a secure understanding of the processes they have implemented to monitor staff performance. These processes are understood and used well by senior management to give clear indications of staff proficiency in questioning children during their play. Staff also use the forms to identify areas of practice for further development and identify the things they do well. Staff were able to demonstrate a good knowledge and understanding of how to ask children questions that encourage them to think about their answers.

Educational programmes are now improved for children's personal, social and emotional development. The staff team have now received training in the use of behavioural dolls with the children. This is to encourage children to have a greater understanding of themselves. Staff use the dolls effectively and children readily engage with the dolls to talk about topics such as 'being kind and helpful to each other' and 'going into hospital', during circle time. Older children tackle issues like bullying with the use of the dolls. The dolls are used with the children to facilitate their own story telling and help them to explore their own thoughts and feelings about important topics. Children consider the impact of their behaviour on others around through use of the dolls. As a result, children are developing a positive sense of themselves and others within the nursery.

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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