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Our Reference EY357864

Dear Mr Shaun Francis Addison

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann, Theresa Flynn, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 16/12/2013. 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 24/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice required you to complete the following actions by 24 July 2013 in relation to;
ensuring that the deployment and the vigilance of staff is sufficiently robust to promote children's health, safety and welfare at all times, particularly when playing outdoors.

promoting the good health of children by following appropriate procedures and taking appropriate action when children are ill, for example, by seeking medical advice in a timely manner.

The first monitoring visit which took place on 19 September 2013 identified that both welfare requirement notices had been met. The monitoring visit today confirmed that the improvements identified at the last monitoring visit have been sustained and further improved.

Having considered all the evidence obtained at the monitoring visits the inspector is of the opinion that at this time the provider has made satisfactory improvement overall in relation to the welfare requirements notice.

The action taken has therefore contributed to improving the safety and well being of all the children in the setting.

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

Through documentation used at the setting and through discussion and observation at the monitoring visits the inspector concludes that the provider has demonstrated satisfactory progress in meeting the issues raised in the welfare requirements notice.

Action has been taken to improve the deployment and the vigilance of staff to promote children's health, safety and welfare at all times, particularly when playing outdoors. This is because staff deployment and supervision of children has been reviewed and practice has been revised to ensure staff are effectively deployed, especially outdoors. A bell system has been installed which alerts staff when children are entering or leaving the nursery room for outdoor play, thus providing adequate supervision of children at all times.

Action has also been taken to ensure appropriate procedures are followed and appropriate action taken when children are ill, for example, by seeking medical advice in a timely manner. This is because procedures to be followed when children are ill have been reviewed. The seeking of medical advice in a timely manner is now displayed within the setting to remind staff and is also included in the updated policies of which staff are aware. The accident record includes notifiable incidents/accidents of which Ofsted need to be notified of and all health care plans for children are reviewed termly. Staff work with health visitors and specialists in tracing children's medical information if required and children's well-being is monitored on a termly basis. The setting have engaged in health promotions such as the 'smile 4 life' campaign promoting dental health in children and the WOW (walking on Wednesday's) campaign which encourages children to walk to the setting. This has contributed to improving the safety and well being of all the children in the setting.

The provider has made satisfactory progress in addressing all the points for improvement. 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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