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Dear Mr Clyde Mahindra Parasram

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Pauline Nazarkardeh, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 17/12/2013. 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 28/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

These notices required you to:

- ensure that continuous risk assessment covers all areas in the indoor learning environment that children come into contact with.
- ensure that all staff understand the safeguarding policy and procedure for reporting any concerns about children's safety or welfare to agencies with statutory responsibility without delay
- ensure that the kitchen is clean and suitable for the hygienic preparation of food for children
- ensure that people looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their role.

In addition you were also issued with notices to improve in relation to managing children's behaviour, risk assessment and the range of activities and experiences available to children.

A monitoring visit took place on 29 July 2013 where it was found that the welfare requirements notices had been met and progress was satisfactory. Changes had been made to the staffing and management team. Procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns had improved and a programme to address the training and development needs of staff had been put in place.

Risk assessments had been put in place, plans to improve the range of activities and experiences available to children were in place and the staff team had considered how to effectively manage children's behaviour.

A further monitoring visit was carried out on 30 September 2013.

At this visit it was found that the management team responsible for the running of the nursery at the time of the last monitoring visit was no longer in place. The provider had taken over management responsibilities and the recruitment of a permanent nursery manager was in process. An action plan was in place to address weaknesses in the setting.

Staff had been given opportunities to develop their practice; they had undertaken training on the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Systems were being developed to extend the planning of activities and the assessments of the children. In addition they had begun to introduce the characteristics of effective learning in the planning for the children and were considering effective ways of managing behaviour.

Improvements to the décor of the nursery were in process and the layout of the rooms and the range of resources available to support children's learning were being considered.

Written safeguarding policies and procedures were updated and staff had opportunities to become familiar with and discuss these procedures. Risk assessment continued to be worked on in order to minimize risks to children. The kitchen area had been improved and the provision of meals for the children had been reviewed.

The most recent visit was completed on 17 December 2013.

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

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

Progress made since the last monitoring visit is good.

Staff's growing knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how this can be used to support their assessments of children's development and the planning of suitable activities has had an impact on the quality of provision especially for babies. Here staff show confidence in their role and the children are observed to be engaged in suitable activities. The staff team were interacting with children on their level. Improvements have also been made to the organisation of meal times for babies.

The staff team in the toddler room is beginning to be established with the appointment of a new room leader for this area. The pre-school room is still being developed. Although a permanent nursery manager has yet to be appointed, interim management arrangements have provided stability for staff and have begun to drive improvements.

The décor of the nursery has continued to improve; the nursery is brighter and more inviting. The extension of resources including the use of treasure baskets means that children can access equipment independently. The layout of the rooms into defined areas has created space for children to explore equipment in enclosed areas.

A further monitoring visit is to take place, to monitor that improvements have been sustained as well as to monitor the establishment of the staff team in the toddler room.

Next steps

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The setting has made good 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
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