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Our Reference 303706

Dear Mr David Charles Marsden

### **Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Law, monitored your provision on 08/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 04/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

The notice to improve 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.

### **Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children**

A monitoring visit was carried out on 8 January 2014. The setting has worked hard on improving outcomes for children with the support of the local authority. In-house training has been provided for the staff and the manager has worked alongside the staff in the rooms to mentor and improve practice. For example, 'Golden questions' are displayed in the rooms to help staff to effectively communicate with children and promote their learning and development.

Progress to meet the actions raised, at both the initial inspection and the subsequent monitoring visits, has now been maintained. Observations are undertaken with purpose; they provide information about children's interests and learning styles and

this is fed into the daily indoor continuous provision planner to ensure that children's individuality is catered for. For example, children who enjoy playing 'babies' are encouraged to play in other areas because staff put dolls in the sand and water.

Focused activities are provided for the children with clear learning objectives; they are age appropriate and fun. For example, the children enjoyed expressing their individuality and creativity in decorating their 'Alien space rockets'. Some books were noted to be tatty and torn and when this was pointed out by the inspector they were removed and replaced immediately.

Observations are assessed and a tracker completed. This means the information gathered is beginning to accurately measure progress. The setting has now successfully completed all the actions relating to learning and development.

### **Next steps**

The next step will be a full inspection.

If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Fitzjohn  
National Director

## Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
use the information obtained from observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles	31/12/2013	08/01/2014
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