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Our Reference 100503

Dear Mrs Heather Davis

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Anne Mitchell, monitored your provision on 05/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 05/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector observed staff working with the children both inside and out. The inspector looked at the attendance register, the risk assessment, children's development records and planning. Documentation to show staff suitability and the Disclosure and Barring Service checks were also viewed.

The inspector was unable to speak to a representative from the local authority as no-one was available. However, the inspector looked at the development officer's visit notes from 28 November 2013 and an action plan dated 18 December 2013.

The inspector found that you have addressed all the actions raised at the previous inspection. Staff monitor the entrance to the building and to the hall to help to ensure children are effectively supervised to keep them safe at arrival and departure times. Additional locks are fitted to the main door, out of the reach of children, so they cannot leave the premises unsupervised. Risk assessments are completed and recorded on a daily basis. As a result, hazards are quickly identified and removed so children can play and learn in safety. Children's safety is also enhanced as documentation is now available to show that staff are suitably checked and appropriately qualified for their roles.

Opportunities for children to make progress are improved as you and your staff plan and provide a broad range of resources and activities to interest and motivate them

to learn. This includes additional opportunities for outdoor learning, following a recommendation that was set at the last inspection. Information about each child's next steps in their development is recorded and available so all staff can help them to make progress. You and the team are continuing to develop your planning systems to provide an effective way of monitoring children's progress.

You now meet with your staff more regularly to discuss practice and to evaluate the provision. This self-evaluation has enabled you to reflect on daily practice and identify areas for improvement. You have been supported by the local authority and have welcomed their advice and support. You have worked with them to draw up and address action plans for improvement.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that you have taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

The next step will be a full inspection. I hope 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.

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Yours sincerely

Nick Hudson
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