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Our Reference 400291

Dear Ms Susan Browning

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Nicola Dickinson, monitored your provision on 12/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 14/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

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During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to improve. She reviewed the systems you have put in place to ensure a manager and/or deputy is in place at all times. She discussed with you and the nominated person how the committee and the nominated person are meeting their responsibilities relating to the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She also discussed with you what measures you have implemented to ensure teaching is effective and to ensure certain activities are matched to children's emerging needs and interests. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have developed a comprehensive action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and have introduced systems to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has enabled you to accurately prioritise the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

A clear management structure is now in place and policies outline the procedures to be followed should the manager be absent from the setting. This means a manager or deputy is always present on the premises.

Members of the committee and the nominated person have taken action to improve their understanding of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and the nominated person demonstrates through discussion she is aware of her legal responsibilities.

Changes to the person managing the provision have been notified to the regulatory body, Ofsted and this means you are meeting the legal requirement relating to changes that must be notified to Ofsted.

You have welcomed support from your local authority and have implemented a system for reviewing teaching practice to ensure teaching is effective in supporting children's progress and that activities are matched to children's individual needs and interests.

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

Next steps

The next step 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

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure a manager and/or deputy is in place at all times and they are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities, in order to manage the provision effectively	12/02/2014	12/02/2014
ensure the committee and nominated person is aware of their legal responsibilities relating to the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, in order to implement it effectively and ensure all legal requirements are met	12/02/2014	12/02/2014
ensure the regulatory body, Ofsted, is notified of any changes to the person managing the provision	12/02/2014	12/02/2014
ensure children's learning is guided by the asking of good quality questions and takes into account the characteristics of effective teaching and that activities are matched to children's emerging needs and interests.	12/02/2014	12/02/2014