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Our Reference EY312624

Dear Mrs Stefanie Gray

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jan Burnet, monitored your provision on 13/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 19/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She discussed with you, and observed, how potential risks are managed, staff deployment and staff supervision of children. The inspector observed staff working with the children, spoke to a representative from the local authority, and spoke with parents.

The inspector found that you have minimised the risk to children's safety by ensuring that all doors are fitted with working security sensor alarms, by fitting chains to doors, and by ensuring that all gates to the premises are bolted. Before fitting safety chains to fire doors, you have ensured that you meet the requirements of the fire safety officer.

Effective steps have been taken to improve staff supervision of children and to ensure that staff are deployed efficiently in order to keep children safe. Issues concerning supervision and deployment were raised primarily around times when children were being collected after the morning session and arriving for the afternoon session. These times were 11.30am, 12pm or 12.30pm and it was possible for parents and children to enter/leave via the main entrance or doors at the side of the building into either of the two playrooms. In order to ensure children's safety is addressed effectively, the only time that parents now arrive with children for the afternoon session or collect after the morning session is at 12 noon. The children who stay all day have their lunch in one room and arriving parents enter through the

front door and join this group. Children who leave at 12 noon play in the other room and parents enter through the side door into this room and leave with their child through the same door. At this time there are always two staff in each room and so supervision of children and deployment of staff are appropriately addressed.

The inspector found that these changes have been made with the help of a representative from the local authority. Parents have been informed of the incident prior to the last inspection and the inspection outcome. Consequently, they have been understanding of the changes that have been made. During the monitoring visit the staff to child ratio exceeded the minimum requirement. The interaction between staff and children was positive and children were happily involved in a wide range of activities. They enjoyed flexible use of both playrooms and the outdoor play area. Staff were deployed effectively.

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 children are supervised appropriately at all times to help guarantee their safety	13/02/2014	13/02/2014
ensure staff are deployed efficiently in order to keep all children safe	13/02/2014	13/02/2014
complete daily risk assessments prior to the children entering the playgroup, to ensure any risks to children's safety are minimised.	13/02/2014	13/02/2014