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Our Reference 254676

Dear Mrs Gillian Ann Bainbridge

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

An Ofsted inspector, Anne Barnsley, 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 14/11/2013, 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 your playgroup supervisor the steps that have been taken to address the action raised in the notice to improve. She discussed the systems that are now in place to observe and assess children's individual needs and their next steps in learning. The inspector looked at how children's next steps are organised so that they are more manageable and also how they are prioritised to provide children with purposeful learning that helps them to make progress. The inspector observed your supervisor and your member of staff working with the children and viewed the resources and activities available to children. The inspector attempted to have a discussion with a representative from the local authority however, was unable to do so. She was able to view the plan of improvement and discuss this in detail with your supervisor.

The inspector found that your supervisor has a comprehensive action plan in place. This addresses the action that was raised at the last inspection and, additionally, the recommendations that were raised and the notes from the feedback session at the end of the inspection. A further self-evaluation has been completed since the last inspection to evaluate the quality of practice and how the improvements that have been made impact on the outcomes for children.

You are now aware that you must notify Ofsted of changes to committee members and that new members must complete the required documentation. You have implemented this, which ensures that Ofsted now have the required, accurate

information to help ensure children's safety and well-being. The system of observation and assessment has been improved by reducing the amount of paperwork, which previously created a complicated system that raised too many next steps for each child and became unmanageable. Your supervisor and staff have adopted a more focussed approach by raising no more than three next steps for each child at any one time, which they now link more effectively to each child's planning. This has improved the quality of learning for children because activities have more purpose and continuity. Both members of staff are equally aware of every child's next steps and are able to incorporate these into children's activities and play experiences to help move all children forward in their learning. Parents are being provided with better information about their child's learning through newsletters and parents' evenings. This enables parents to be more involved in their child's learning and to support their child at home.

Further improvements have taken place by introducing more activities that help children with their transitions to school and by establishing stronger partnerships with the school around transition. The environment in the playgroup has been enhanced to provide children with more space to be creative and imaginative in their role play. Parents are provided with comprehensive information about your healthy eating policy and are given guidance in many forms, which helps provide ideas about how to achieve a nutritional balance and healthier portion control. This has had a positive impact on children's understanding of healthy lifestyles and promotes their health and well-being.

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**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Closed date</b>
improve the way that information gathered through observations and assessment is used to plan activities that consistently takes into account children's interests to promote their enjoyment and are focused on an appropriate number of next steps to fully support their progress towards the early learning goals.	13/02/2014	13/02/2014