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Our Reference EY337869

Dear Mr Shoyab Yakub Umar

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

An Ofsted inspector, Janet Singleton, monitored your provision on 03/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 05/12/2013, 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. The inspector scrutinised the recording of the records relating to the Disclosure and Barring Service checks. She observed interaction between staff and children throughout the nursery. The inspector spoke to you and to members of staff. However, you did not feel it necessary to contact the local authority representative although you acknowledge she had been supporting you in addressing the actions set. The inspector looked at your action plans and quality improvement plans. She examined the observation, assessment and planning records. She checked information obtained from parents and the summary of the completion of the progress check at age two. Additionally, monitoring, supervision and training records were observed.

The inspector found that you have implemented a data base to record all information pertaining to the recording of the suitability checks completed by the Disclosure and Barring Service. This now means that all required information regarding staff's checks and qualifications are recorded and monitored to ensure they are completed appropriately. As a result, children are safeguarded.

The inspector found that you have implemented training programmes to improve staff's understanding of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This includes the observation, assessment, tracking and planning procedures to improve the quality of teaching and therefore, children's learning and development. You have introduced processes for sharing this knowledge through staff meetings and discussions on best practice. Additionally, the safeguarding and

welfare requirements have been addressed through the reviewing of all policies and procedures and through the designated key roles for staff, including behaviour and safeguarding. Consequently, staff are much more aware of the legal framework and children's individual needs are better met. Additionally, the arrangement for keeping them safe and well cared for are now improved. However, you recognise these procedures are not yet fully embedded. Nevertheless, you have made improvements and children are better protected and their learning is being improved.

You have welcomed support from your local authority and have sought training and support to improve practice and the quality of your setting. In your role as the new manager, you have introduced systems to monitor practice and to ensure children are safeguarded. Staff now receive formal supervision and systems for monitoring staff practice are in place. Peer observations have begun and therefore the quality of teaching is being improved. Through regular team meetings, practice is discussed and this is raising staff awareness of the importance of good teaching and developing a culture of mutual support. That said, this is newly implemented so the inspector is unable to identify the full impact on the quality of teaching but children are making better progress in all areas of learning.

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 that all records of Disclosure and Barring Service checks include the reference number, the date of issue and details of the person who obtained it	03/03/2014	03/03/2014
improve all staff's knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage	03/03/2014	03/03/2014
ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the effective supervision of staff, so that they benefit from a culture of mutual support, teamwork and continuous improvement	03/03/2014	03/03/2014
improve the management and accountability arrangements to ensure that those in charge monitor the overall quality of teaching and staff practice on a routine basis, so that children make good progress in all areas of their learning and arrangements for keeping them safe and well cared for are robust.	03/03/2014	03/03/2014