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Dear Daisy Chain Private Nursery Limited

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Law, monitored your provision on 05/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 12/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

A monitoring visit was carried out on 5 March 2014. The provider has taken immediate action following the inspection by reviewing and strengthening the staffing of the nursery. This has ensured that staff are effectively deployed and adult to child ratios are maintained.

The key person system has been revised and now, whenever possible, key persons greet children when they arrive at nursery and hand over children to their parents at the end of their session. This allows key persons to develop and strengthen their bonds with children and parents. The inspector spoke to a number of staff who confidently spoke about their key children and how they tailor their learning and care according to children's individual needs. These include, for example, working with external agencies to support children's learning and development and ensuring that children's dietary needs are catered for.

The provider is aware that the outdoor environment requires improvement and this is a key feature of the setting's action plan. The provider is working with the local authority to increase children's opportunities to experience the natural world and explore all areas of learning outside. Children do access the outdoors on a daily basis, unless circumstances make this inappropriate, for example unsafe weather conditions.

The observation, assessment and planning systems have been improved. Individual

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planning is now in place for each child based on reflections of recent long observations, regular snapshot observations and information from parents. These ensure that children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles are taken into account. Some children's files show that children are making progress, but the tracking system is not yet fully embedded to show that all children are making the best possible progress in their learning and development.

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 adult to child ratios are met at all times so that the individual needs of all children are being met	04/03/2014	05/03/2014
deploy staff effectively so that children are adequately supervised and their needs are being met	04/03/2014	05/03/2014
ensure that the key person system is organised to allow staff to work effectively with the children and tailor their learning and care according to their individual needs	04/03/2014	05/03/2014
ensure that the outdoor environment is used on a daily basis so that children can experience all weather conditions	04/03/2014	05/03/2014
ensure that learning in the outdoor environment is planned across all areas to enable children's differing learning preferences to be maximised.	04/03/2014	05/03/2014
use information obtained from observing children to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles. Shape learning experiences for each child reflecting those observations to help children make the best possible progress in their learning and development	04/03/2014	05/03/2014