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Little Rascals Day Nursery (Station Rd)  
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Our Reference 319382

Dear Kenneth and Angela Mountain Partnership

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

An Ofsted inspector, Dawn Woodhouse-wykes, monitored your provision on 18/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 16/01/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirement notice required you to:

- \*improve staff's knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding policies and procedures including how to identify signs and symptoms of possible abuse and neglect
- \*ensure the premises are kept secure to prevent any unauthorised access
- \*review risk assessments to ensure children are kept safe on the premises with specific regard to plants and equipment in the outdoor area.
- \*ensure an accurate daily record of all children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were also issued with a notice to improve which was sent to you separately. This required you to:

- \*use next steps in children's learning to ensure planned activities match children's individual needs
- \*ensure assessment of children's learning is regularly reviewed to monitor their progress and effectively close any emerging gaps in their learning and development
- \*improve the quality of teaching by coaching and mentoring staff to have a clear understanding of how children learn and develop.

An unannounced visit was carried out on 18/03/2014. Since the inspection visit, the

inspector found that the provider had made satisfactory progress in meeting the welfare requirements. Staff have undertaken safeguarding training and have completed in house safeguarding assessments which are evaluated to contribute to future training plans. Staff spoken with demonstrated an understanding of safeguarding policies and were aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse. They understood the referral process should they have any concerns.

The inspector found that the premises were secure on the day of the visit. Parents have been requested to ensure the door is not opened to others and a further door has been added to ensure a secure environment.

When using the outdoor play area, the environment is checked in the morning and the afternoon. The outdoor area is also monitored for hazards prior to any children using the outdoor space and plants which were considered potentially hazardous to children have now been removed.

The recording of attendance in the setting is now clearer. Children who are present beyond the usual morning or afternoon sessions are clearly identified to ensure ratios are maintained and attendance on the premises is accurate.

There was also a notice to improve which had an action for the provider to address from the inspection on 16/01/2014. Action has been taken to ensure this is addressed through obtaining additional training for staff to ensure they are able to make the link between planned activities and the next steps of children's development. In addition individual face to face training is being given to staff to ensure a full understanding of the areas of learning and effective planning. Staff spoken with demonstrated a good understanding of meeting individual needs of children and linking their developmental needs with planning and used interest books to focus on specific activities. Management are also undertaking focussed monitoring of children's 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**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Closed date</b>
use next steps in children's learning to ensure planned activities match children's individual needs	06/06/2014	08/04/2014
ensure assessment of children's learning is regularly reviewed to monitor their progress and effectively close any emerging gaps in their learning and development	06/06/2014	08/04/2014
improve the quality of teaching by coaching and mentoring staff to have a clear understanding of how children learn and develop.	06/06/2014	08/04/2014
WRN - improve staff's knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding policies and procedures including how to identify signs and symptoms of possible abuse and neglect	06/03/2014	08/04/2014
WRN - ensure the premises are kept secure to prevent any unauthorised access	06/03/2014	08/04/2014
WRN - review risk assessments to ensure children are kept safe on the premises with specific regard to plants and equipment in the outdoor area	06/03/2014	08/04/2014
5. ensure an accurate daily record of all children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained	06/03/2014	08/04/2014
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