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Our Reference 107009

Dear Magic Roundabout Nurseries Limited

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

An Ofsted inspector, Julie Swann, monitored your provision on 07/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 20/01/2014, we sent you a notice to improve.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with your setting manager the steps you have taken to improve. She toured the nursery, observed the children and their interaction with your staff and had further discussions with your HR manager, deputy manager and other staff. She reviewed the systems you have put in place to ensure the safety of children on the premises in the case of fire or other emergencies. She looked at the action plan developed to address the issues from the last inspection and the most recent self-evaluation. The inspector also looked at what measures you have implemented to ensure teaching is effective, the outdoor environment is welcoming and that activities support children's emerging needs and interests, along with staff vetting and qualification records and food hygiene training plans. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have developed a comprehensive action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You have put in place effective strategies to secure the immediate safety improvements required and to consider what additional progress can be made to maintain and build on these. You have involved, and taken the advice of, the local authority and are using outside services and support to improve safety and training issues alongside improving the overall quality of practice and equipment both indoors and outdoors to meet children's individual needs. As a result, children are better protected and they are able to enjoy learning and exploring in confidence.

The inspector found that you have reviewed and are continuing to improve systems to ensure fire drills are now practised with more regularity. You have connected all

internal fire doors to the fire alarm system. The doors are designed to prevent the spread of a fire by releasing independently when the alarm sounds. You have introduced effective systems that help to ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities for checking the environment more frequently to make certain that fire doors remain shut and all emergency exits and corridors are freely accessible whilst providing a clear evacuation route at all times. You have upgraded the emergency exit lighting throughout the building and this is now in working order. This has led to improvement in children's well-being and safety. In addition, you have disposed of broken, wet and dirty equipment from the outdoor environment.

You have improved food safety and hygiene practices by implementing a suitable training programme that helps to ensure all staff have now completed Level 2 food safety on-line training. The inspector looked at your updated self-evaluation. She is satisfied that you are beginning to evaluate the importance of monitoring the success of the improvements that you have now made. You have recognised that the observation, assessment and planning for children's future learning needs to be more precise and accurately targeted. You have sought training to support the setting manager in improving the quality of teaching, particularly in relation to children's next steps in learning. New resources and improved teaching prompts have been introduced throughout the setting. This is starting to have an impact on the overall quality of teaching, the effectiveness of staff's interactions with children and the level of challenge and exploration offered to children. Observations made by the inspector on the day of the monitoring visit showed staff to be engaging in children's play and supporting their learning through the use of further targets to improve the outcomes for children.

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### **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

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