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Dear Lucy Claire Forrester

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Clare Hanson, monitored your provision on 24/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 17/12/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed interaction between the staff and children, spoke to you and spoke to staff members. The local authority advisor was unable to attend the visit. However, she spoke to the inspector on the telephone and confirmed that you have been working with her to improve the practice in your setting. The local authority advisor stated that she believed you have worked very hard to address the issues raised at the last inspection. She spoke of your determination and commitment to improve. She confirmed that she has met with you on several occasions to support you through this process and you have further meetings arranged.

You have developed a clear action plan to help address the issues raised at the last inspection and this has been successful in helping you move forward. You keep a record of what you have done to achieve improvement and record your progress. You have employed a member of staff since the last inspection to ensure that adult to child ratios are consistently met. You followed a robust recruitment process and the member of staff has completed all the relevant checks to support her suitability to work with children. You have also purchased a new first aid kit to ensure that all contents are suitable and within date. This helps ensure children are treated appropriately in case of any accident.

The setting has a small outdoor space at the side of the building which you use effectively. You also use a local park to offer children more opportunities for learning

in a larger outdoor area. You now reflect the use of the park and your own outdoor space in your planning. You record this within the children's individual folders when planning their next steps. You have consulted with parents and sent out questionnaires to capture their opinions and contributions to help you reflect on the practice within the setting. You have welcomed their input into some of the changes you have made, especially with the outdoor space. You have formalised your evaluation of the practice within your setting through the use of a self-evaluation form. You also ensure that all records are now kept on the premises and available at all times. The progress check for two year old children is kept in the individual folders and shared with parents.

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

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