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Dear Family Action

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Sonia Lobo, monitored your provision on 02/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 06/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

There was timescale for completion of 21 February 2014. The notices asked you to:

ensure that risk assessments cover all areas of the provision, clearly identifying and minimising risks to children, particular in relation to the flooring, all equipment and ensuring that children wear protective clothing, especially when playing with water

ensure that staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and that children are adequately supervised in order to keep them safe at all times

You were also issued with a Notice To Improve with a timescale for completion of 21 February 2014 which asked you to:

make sure that snack and mealtimes are organised effectively, to reduce the time children have to wait to eat and to ensure their individual needs are met.

develop effective systems to observe, assess and monitor children's learning, using observation to identify their individual needs, interests, and stage of development and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development

ensure that parents and/or carers are kept up to date with their child's progress and development.

The unannounced monitoring visit on 02 May 2014 found that significant progress had been made, as steps have been taken to address and meet the actions set out in the Welfare Requirements Notice and the Notice to Improve.

The inspector discussed with the provider the action taken to address the concerns in respect to the lack of effective risk assessments. The provider was asked what had been done to clearly identify and minimise risks to children, in particular relation to the flooring, all equipment and ensuring that children wear protective clothing, especially when playing with water.

The inspector found that daily safety checks of the premises and a regular review of risk assessments were being carried out. The provider has also met the recommendations made following the ROSPA inspection visit. This had helped to ensure that risks particularly in relation to flooring and mats are identified and minimised so that children are kept safe. Children wear protective clothing when playing with water and staff are now mindful of the need to check that if children have become wet in the process that they do not remain in wet clothes and are changed straightaway.

The provider continues to maintain appropriate ratio requirements and has worked towards improving the key person system which has helped ensure that staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children. Staff have undertaken and completed health and safety training which has helped raise their awareness of better child supervision. Consequently, staff are extra vigilant particularly when children are using large equipment.

The inspector carried out observations over the lunch time period in rooms where children were being care for. The organisation of snack and mealtimes has been reviewed and changes to the way food is served has helped reduce the time children have to wait to eat.

Planning and assessment is well underway. The provider shared evidence of records of planning and observations and showed the inspector how information about children's learning is planned, observed and assessed. The use of children's profile books and regular parent evenings keep parents up-to-date about their children's progress. The provider uses children's starting points and observations to clearly identify the next steps in their learning in order to plan a challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child that promotes their all-round learning and development.

The monitoring visit concluded that the provider has sustained improvement in relation to meeting the Welfare Requirements Notice and the Notice to Improve.

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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