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Dear Sunshine Day Nursery (York) Ltd

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Doubleday, monitored your provision on 06/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 05/09/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice required you to ensure that staff are deployed effectively to adequately supervise all children, with specific regard to the outdoor area, to ensure risk assessments are clear in assessing any risks to children's safety and coach and mentor staff to understand the importance of risk assessing the premises and equipment and to organise the outdoor area to ensure there is sufficient space for children to play safely.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were also issued with a notice of action to improve. This required you to ensure there is a named deputy to take charge in the manager's absence. It also required you to consider the individual needs and stage of development for each child and use this information to plan a range of challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child and monitor their progress and to develop staff members' understanding of how to plan for children's individual needs through regular coaching and monitoring.

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Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

Since the inspection, the procedure for children accessing outdoor play has changed so that the staffing levels are maintained at an appropriate level and children are better supervised. The manager discusses adult to child ratios with staff during staff meetings and completes regular checks to ensure they are adhered to. A new area has been opened up outside for wheeled toys and this gives children more space to play safely. An area of the garden has been fenced off for babies to play. Risk assessments for outdoors have been reviewed and an external company have been employed to work on health and safety policies with management. Staff have all signed a document to say they understand and will adhere to the health and safety policies. A daily check list is used before children go out to play so that risks are identified and minimised. The shed that was in the new area of the garden has now been removed.

The management structure of the nursery has been reviewed. A new deputy manager has been appointed and there are clear lines of management in place, these have been shared with staff and are displayed on a notice board for staff and parents. Staff undertaking senior roles are aware of their responsibilities when the managers are not present.

The provider has received support from local authority early years staff and has reviewed the way in which planning and assessments are carried out within the nursery. All rooms in the nursery now follow the same format for planning. Staff are clear about what is expected of them. Assessments of children's progress clearly identify where children are in their learning. Planning is completed by Key workers for each individual child and focusses on the next steps in their learning and takes into account their interests.

The provider has made good improvement and the next visit will be a full inspection.

Next steps

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If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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National Director, Early Education