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Dear NEWTOWN BUTTERCUPS LTD

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

An Ofsted inspector, Yvonne Johnson, monitored your provision on 10/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 28/04/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. If you were set actions at the inspection, or as a result of our subsequent monitoring or investigations, these are included at the end of this letter unless we have already verified that they have been completed.

In order to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe you were issued with two welfare requirements notices. The first required you to: ensure that all staff and any other person who is likely to have regular contact with children are suitable to do so by ensuring recruitment practices are robust; ensure that staff who have not had suitability checks are not left unsupervised with the children being cared for; ensure that the premises, indoors and outside are fit for purpose; this specifically refers to ensuring that spaces, furniture, equipment and toys are safe for children to use, the premises are secure and children are unable to access hazardous items or unsafe areas and ensure that there are clear and well-understood policies and procedures for assessing and minimising risks to children's safety; in particular ensure thorough risk assessments are conducted and action is promptly and effectively undertaken to minimise risks. This was monitored at a visit on 16 May 2014 and met.

The second required you to:

ensure all staff have appropriate training, skills and knowledge to fulfil their roles and responsibilities; this specifically refers to making sure that there are effective supervision and monitoring arrangements to accurately assess and identify the training and development needs of all staff, and ensure effective support and guidance is provided where necessary. This was due by 9 June 2014.

In addition the welfare requirement notices, you were also sent a notice of action to

improve, which required you to:

ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting; this specifically refers to ensuring the nursery's written policies and procedures reflect the practice and procedures of the nursery, include the correct contact details for Ofsted and that all necessary information and records are available for inspection. The due date for this action was 15 May 2014 and it was agreed at the monitoring visit on 16 May 2014 that you had taken action to meet this action. Other actions were set under learning and development; these were due by 9 June 2014 and required you to:

improve the planning of challenging and enjoyable learning experiences for each child in all of the areas of learning and development by taking into account the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child, so that they make good progress; ensure there is a sharp focus on accurately assessing children's learning and their progress is monitored effectively, including assessment on entry and ongoing assessment and improve children's independence and the quality of teaching across the areas of learning by; making sure that children have easy access to a wide range of stimulating resources, which are relevant to their needs and interests, and effectively support their play.

At the first monitoring visit on 16 May 2014 there was evidence that you had taken action to address the issues from inspection that were due. Potential hazards to children both in and outdoors had been addressed and you have maintained children's safety by continuing to monitor the premises daily. Children play outdoors in an area that has been risk assessed by staff.

A second monitoring visit took place on 10 June 2014. Since the setting has re-opened you have started to develop systems for planning and assessment, through the use of observations of children's development. From these you have begun to identify children's next steps. However these systems are in their infancy and so do not yet show if this planning is effective in moving children forward in their development milestones or identifying any issues which may require further action. Therefore a further monitoring visit will be made to assess the impact of these systems within 3 months.

Staff have been involved in training and you provide support through regular supervision. Staff engage positively with the children and encourage them to play and learn, examples were seen of children counting during activities and linking this to number rhymes and songs to extend their learning experiences. Younger children are well supported by the relationship's being developed with their key person, and provide security in a safe and stimulating environment, that is conducive to their needs.

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 further monitoring.

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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