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Dear Lavendon Pavilion Pre-School Committee

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

An Ofsted inspector, Sarah Fletcher, monitored your provision on 11/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 11/03/2014, we sent you a notice to improve. 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.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector observed staff working with the children, both inside and out. The inspector looked at the risk assessment folder, a sample of the children's learning journey records, and the action plan. Documentation to show staff suitability and the Disclosure and Barring Service checks were also viewed.

The inspector was unable to speak with a representative from the local authority as no-one was available. However, the inspector looked at the development officer's input into the action plan she helped to devise, dated 28 April 2014. She has clearly worked with the manager, chairperson and staff to make changes to address the points for improvement and provides good levels of regular support to help the manager implement these.

The inspector found that you have taken steps to address the actions raised at the previous inspection. You have ensured staff have clear knowledge of risk assessment and understand risks from a child's point of view. The manager has taken swift action to address the weaknesses identified in ensuring all risks and hazards to children are minimised through risk assessment, particularly in relation to the safety

of the furniture and equipment to ensure children are not exposed to hazards. There are a number of new risk assessments in place to cover the use of all the furniture and identify any potential hazards to children. The inspector was able to observe an example of how these assessments are used to safeguard children. The wooden registration tree has now been prevented from falling forwards and from children tripping over the base.

You have worked with the manager to ensure the systems to track children's progress towards the early learning goals have improved. The inspector sampled children's learning journey records and found these to contain sufficient information to fully support children's progress throughout the pre-school. There was evidence that parents are more involved in their child's learning and are able to be part of the assessment process from when the child starts their time at the pre-school.

The inspector found the systems to carry out the progress checks for two-year-old children have improved, although this area is not yet fully addressed. The assessments take place to assess the progress of the children in this age range in the prime areas of learning and are shared with parents. However, parents do not receive an explanatory summary of the findings to identify the child's individual strengths, and any areas where the child's progress may be less than expected. In addition, the staff are not yet using their findings to identify any emerging concerns or to develop a targeted plan to support children's future learning.

The inspector found the systems for self-evaluation have improved, although this area is not yet fully addressed. The manager and staff continue to evaluate the activities children take part in, and hold regular meetings for key persons to discuss plans for individual children's progress. You have worked with the manager and local authority advisor to take steps towards improvement. She has attended the setting on a number of occasions to support you to make improvements. In particular, you have worked well together to address the issues raised at the last inspection regarding the risk assessments. You have also made the systems for assessing and monitoring children's progress more effective. This shows a willingness to prioritise the previous actions. However, as not all the actions have been fully addressed to date, this demonstrates the monitoring of practice is not yet rigorous enough.

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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