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Our Reference EY358444

Dear Rhami Kaur Sandhu

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

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

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 18/03/2014, 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 have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She discussed with you, and observed, safety procedures for taking children to school, staff deployment and security of the premises. The inspector observed staff working with the children.

The inspector found that you have improved practice with regard to meeting the welfare requirements. You have minimised the risk to children on their arrival at school, by ensuring that staff follow your safety and supervision procedures. The inspector walked with staff and a group of children to the local school and observed safety to be addressed effectively. Safeguarding procedures were observed to be addressed because staff supervised children in the playground until they entered the school building and the responsibility for supervising them was transferred to the teacher. You informed the inspector that staff have attended health and safety training courses, since the inspection and informed her that all staff will attend safeguarding training in September 2014. In order to ensure that risk assessments are fully effective, you explained that you have commissioned an outside agency to complete a safety audit.

The inspector found that you have improved security of the premises and safeguarding procedures to ensure that unauthorised persons cannot enter

unsupervised. Security cameras have been fitted at the main entrance, the main gate and the gate to the out of school club building. You explained that the code for the entry system is now known only by staff. A reception desk has been built in the entrance area and you informed the inspector that between 7.30am and 6pm, receptionists are responsible for releasing the door for parents and visitors to enter and leave. Consequently, you explained that it is no longer necessary for staff to open the door to visitors and so staff deployment has improved.

During the monitoring visit, you informed the inspector that these changes have been made in consultation with a representative from the local authority. You provided a copy of a letter to all parents explaining the incident prior to the last inspection and the inspection outcome. Consequently, you are confident that they understand the reason for the changes that have been made. During the monitoring visit the inspector found that interaction between staff and children was positive and children were happily involved in a wide range of activities. They enjoyed flexible use of playrooms and the outdoor play area. Staff were deployed effectively.

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

Nick Hudson
National Director, Early Education

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that there is effective monitoring and subsequent evaluation of staff's roles and responsibilities so that children are adequately supervised to ensure their safety, this specifically relates to the delivering of children to school	17/04/2014	06/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	17/04/2014	06/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	17/04/2014	06/06/2014
ensure that risk assessments are effective and staff are deployed effectively to ensure that unauthorised persons cannot enter the setting to fully safeguard children.	06/06/2014	06/06/2014