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Our Reference EY265143

Dear Matchbox Day Nursery Ltd

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Susan Mann, monitored your provision on 04/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 18/02/2014, 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. The inspector spoke to you and the deputy manager. The inspector observed the children playing with staff in the outdoor play area and checked the security of the outdoor play area, with specific regard to the gate. The inspector examined risk assessments and looked at the action plan.

The inspector found that you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at the last inspection and are effectively implementing this. You are working to meet the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, using the action plan drawn up between your local authority representative and yourselves. This is helping to bring about improvements to address the actions raised at the last inspection. Through discussion, the inspector found that you have taken effective steps to ensure that children's safety and welfare is assured. This demonstrates your commitment to improvement.

The inspector found that risk assessments have been reviewed and improved to identify the hazards children come into contact with. There are plans in place to strengthen the security of the outdoor play areas which was identified as a hazard at the last inspection. You have plans in place to replace the gate to ensure that there

is no gap underneath which children could crawl through. You also have plans to erect fences either side of the path which the residents of the flats use to exit the premises. While you wait for the work to be completed you ensure that children are supervised while playing outside, by having staff stand by the gate to ensure that children are unable to leave the premises unsupervised. This helps to monitor the children playing outside and ensure that residents are not in direct contact with the children. Consequently, children are appropriately supervised indoors and outside.

The inspector found that arrangements to supervise children while they are playing outside have also been reviewed and strengthened. This includes a main register which enables staff to know how many children are present on the day. This information is transferred to a second register, which staff use to count the children as they go outside and when they return back indoors. This helps to ensure that all children are accounted for and supervised effectively.

The inspector also looked at how you meet the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage for ratios of staff to children. You have a clear understanding of the legal requirements and this enables you to deploy staff around the nursery according to the numbers of children attending. This helps to meet children's needs and support their play and exploration. The inspector also looked at the key-person system and its effectiveness at supporting all children. The inspector found that all children have an allocated key person and that there is a buddy system in place to provide an additional familiar person for children to turn to should they need reassurance or a chat. There has been training for staff who care for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. This means that staff have the skills and knowledge to meet children's individual needs. Therefore, children's individual needs are catered for and educational plans support children's next steps in their learning and development.

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
strengthen the level of supervision for children when using the outdoor communal play area so that children are always within sight and hearing of a member of staff at all times and take account of the possible access of residents and other unauthorised persons to children in the communal play area	19/02/2014	
improve procedures for risk assessment by; making sure that all areas children come into contact with are thoroughly checked and hazards minimised, improving the management of children's safety when moving between inside and outdoor areas and by reviewing the record of risk assessment after each incident to see how it can be prevented from happening in the future	19/02/2014	