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Our Reference 122626

Dear Tiddlywinks Nursery Ltd

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Helen Penticost, monitored your provision on 25/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 31/03/2014, 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 held discussions with you and the manager. She looked at a range of documentation, which included the improvement action plan, risk assessments and observation, assessment and planning information. The inspector found you have developed a very detailed action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You have also strengthened the systems to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on the outcomes for children. This has enabled you to accurately identify how to address the areas for improvement identified and to plan for ongoing improvement.

You have welcomed support from the local authority. The inspector spoke with the local authority advisor to discuss how she is helping the nursery to address the actions. The advisor expressed confidence in your ability to improve practice and stated she could clearly see the improvements that you already made.

The inspector found that you have addressed all the actions raised at the previous inspection. You took immediate action in respect of the risks identified relating to the castle, tree house, galleried landing and outdoor area, to minimise and remove hazards to children. In addition, you have reviewed your risk assessments and staff

implement these across the nursery. As a result, you have prioritised children's safety and they are cared for in a safe environment.

You have developed systems for staff deployment to help to ensure that staff supervise children adequately. For example, you have a dedicated member of staff for observing staff deployment and children's safety. This helps to develop children's awareness of their own personal safety and that of others while ensuring their safety.

You have improved the systems for the planning and organisation of activities. Staff use their observations to provide a basis for planning activities based upon the children's interests and their next steps in learning. As a result, activities cover all areas of learning and staff promote outcomes for children more effectively. The monitoring of the observation, assessment and planning system enables staff to clearly highlight children's progress and developmental needs.

The inspector found that you have reviewed your system for staff supervision and this clearly identifies any training needs. This values staff members' professionalism and enables them to develop their knowledge. You also now carefully monitor the observation, assessment and planning system to ensure that staff are able to discuss child development issues as they arise.

You have taken considerable steps to re-evaluate the emergency evacuation procedures and have acted upon the advice from the fire officer. This helps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency.

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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National Director, Early Education