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Our Reference 208223

Dear Lilleshall Pre-School Playgroup Committee

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

An Ofsted inspector, Parm Sansoyer, monitored your provision on 11/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 22/05/2014, 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 observed staff working with the children and had discussions with you and the staff. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority. She looked at the Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all staff and committee members. The inspector also looked at your action plan and records of staff supervision and observed the routines, activities and teaching.

The inspector found that you have developed a comprehensive action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You took prompt action to obtain Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all of the new committee members. You have also introduced a robust tracking system to ensure all checks are followed through and Ofsted informed of any significant changes. More effective systems have been introduced to evaluate the quality of the teaching and care of the younger children. This action plan has enabled you to accurately address the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

You have developed a more robust vetting system, which ensures you obtain a

Disclosure and Barring Service check for all committee members, to secure the children's safety. The system introduced means they are effectively tracked and any information shared with Ofsted about changes to the committee members is given in writing and a written copy maintained. Information is now stored on site and records are easily accessible.

There is an increased focus on teaching and learning during staff supervision and new systems to observe individual staff practice have recently been introduced to help improve practice. It is clear to see you are keen to develop the staff team as identified staff have been on additional training to increase their skills to improve teaching the younger children. Staff report they are more confident in preparing the learning environment, delivering activities and group times for the younger children. It was observed that staff now provide an environment, which offers younger children increased opportunities to explore freely from a wider range of more age-appropriate resources, to express their ideas. The inspector found that staff place a better focus on supporting the younger children during the routine. Small group time is used better by staff they use more visual aids, age-appropriate resources and activities to capture children's interest and imagination. The inspector found and you acknowledged more time is required to embed this practice further to ensure the routine is fully effective.

You have welcomed the support from your local authority, who have provided you with training. This has helped you to improve the monitoring of teaching and given you support on establishing routines for the younger children. The named special educational needs co-ordinator has attended additional training to improve her role in supporting and advising staff on how to better engage the younger children in discussion. The inspector found that you monitor more successfully the teaching of staff by observing staff regularly and giving them feedback about the strengths of what you have observed and areas identified for further improvement. Staff report they have benefited from the observations conducted and coaching provided and they are positive about the new system introduced.

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 any persons caring for or have regular contact with children has obtained an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	27/05/2014	11/07/2014
inform Ofsted of changes to the name, address or telephone number of all those who make up the registered person (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	27/05/2014	11/07/2014
make records easily accessible and available to demonstrate the suitability of committee members, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks.	27/05/2014	11/07/2014
the registered person must ensure that any persons caring for or have regular contact with children has obtained an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	27/05/2014	11/07/2014
inform Ofsted of changes to the name, address or telephone number of all those who make up the registered person (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	27/05/2014	11/07/2014