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Our Reference EY409684

Dear Clever Cloggs Nursery Ltd

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

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Langley, monitored your provision on 30/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 05/06/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. 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.

The Welfare Requirement Notice required you to ensure that the staff: child ratios are met at all times as per the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements. You were also issued with a Notice to improve which asked you to improve opportunities for children to lead their own play, follow their own interests and extend their own ideas in the pre-school room.

At an unannounced visit on 30 June 2014 the ratios were met. Action had been taken to maintain this by having additional staff. This included an extra member of staff, over and above the ratio requirement, in each room. Plans were in place to also have additional deputies to support the management team and staff. Ratios are monitored with records and a display board so that staff are aware where additional adults are needed at any one time. This is to make sure children are supported and effectively supervised at all times throughout the day.

Staff have been working together to improve opportunities for children to lead their own play. Their practice is monitored by the manager and they have revised their planning to include children's interests. Play is more relaxed allowing children to flow freely between areas and different types of activities. Staff are working with the local authority to improve this so that the balance between adult led and child-led activities provides an enabling environment for children to learn and develop. During

the visit children were enjoying painting and mark making. You and your manager are positive about enhancing your practice to improve outcomes for children.

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 further monitoring.

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 the statutory adult-to-child ratios are met at all times	20/06/2014	18/08/2014
increase opportunities for children to lead their own play, follow their own interests and extend their own ideas in the pre-school room.	26/06/2014	18/08/2014