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Manley and Mouldsworth Pre-School
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Our Reference 305181

Dear Manley and Mouldsworth Pre-School Playgroup Committee

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Elizabeth Grocott, monitored your provision on 11/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 27/03/2014, 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 requirements notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Information and records and Managing behaviour. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 24 April 2014. A previous monitoring visit completed on 12 May 2014, found that you had not taken prompt and effective action and were not complying with the requirements of this notice.

I monitored your setting on 11 June 2014 but as there were no children present on that day, it was completed on the 16 June 2014. During the monitoring visits I discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised at the last monitoring visit. I observed staff working with children, had discussions with them and the children and looked at children's developmental records. I requested a meeting with the provider however, she was unavailable.

I reviewed the staff files and found that all documentation relating to their suitability was available. I also discussed the suitability and recruitment process with you and found that all new committee members had submitted forms to the disclosure and barring service, ensuring that their suitability will be verified. I learned that the safeguarding policy had been reviewed and now included a procedure directing the

use of mobile phones and cameras at the setting, helping to safeguard children.

The action plan which you drew up following the first monitoring visit addressed staff development and a longer term plan has been developed to ensure any gaps in learning are met. You have taken action to improve the strategies used by staff to manage children's behaviour. Some staff have embraced the changes required and have already attended training and others have decided instead, to leave the setting. There was a notable improvement in the way in which staff spoke to children and in the way children responded to requests from staff.

Children were well engaged throughout the visit, choosing to play between indoors and outside. Some were helping to prepare a picnic and others were 'gardening.' They were supported appropriately by staff who were clear of their role, and enjoyed a short physical activity with the older school children. Children's 'learning journeys' were discussed and are being used to accurately ascertain their stages of learning. Staff observe, plan and assess enjoyable activities for the children and sensitively raise concerns with both parents and outside agencies where additional support is required.

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 disclosure and barring service documentation, induction and employment history are available for all staff to ensure their suitability (General suitable people matters W2.1, 3.12)	09/06/2014	11/06/2014
implement the behaviour management policy effectively and ensure all staff work to the policy, receiving training where necessary (Managing Behaviour W7, 3.50)	09/06/2014	16/06/2014
ensure the safeguarding policy meets with the requirements of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and includes the policy and procedure for the use of cameras and mobile phones in the setting (Safeguarding policy W1.2 3.4).	09/06/2014	11/06/2014
ensure that disclosure and barring service documentation is available for all staff to ensure their suitability (Suitability to care for children or have regular contact with children CR3).	09/06/2014	11/06/2014
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ensure all staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to effectively fulfil their roles and responsibilities	02/06/2014	16/06/2014
develop an effective programme for continuous development to ensure staff's training needs are identified and monitored	02/06/2014	11/06/2014
ensure observations and assessments are used to ensure that timely interventions are sought for children who have gaps in their learning and development, and to	02/06/2014	16/06/2014

enable all children to make good progress.