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Our Reference EY356302

Dear Edgmond Owls Ltd

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Christine Armstrong, monitored your provision on 22/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 06/06/2014, 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.

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 also spoke to the chairperson of the board of directors, all the staff present, and a representative from the local authority. She spent time observing staff interacting with children indoors and outdoors. She also looked at your planning records and a sample of children's developmental records. In addition, records relating to Disclosure and Barring Service checks were also inspected.

The inspector found that the directors, manager and staff have been very willing to address the actions in order to improve outcomes for children. Discussion with the local authority early years representative confirmed the proactive and open approach you have taken to drive improvements. You have used their guidance to develop a plan of action to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You have also used their guidance to help you to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has enabled you to accurately identify how to address the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

The inspector found that you have been very successful in ensuring that all staff

understand child protection issues and safeguarding policies and procedures. All staff and some directors have attended safeguarding training and you have embedded a culture of evaluating and monitoring staff's knowledge in this area. This includes discussing safeguarding policies and procedures during staff meetings. It also includes managers questioning staff and presenting possible safeguarding scenarios to them. As a result, staff are very confident of and committed to, the steps they must take to safeguard children.

The inspector found that you have increased and improved the supervision, training and coaching you provide for staff. All staff have completed Early Years Foundation Stage training and some staff have made visits to other nurseries to observe best practice. You are providing one-to-one supervisions for staff and undertaking regular management and peer observations. These are aimed at continually highlighting areas for improvements. You have also been working with your staff to improve observation and planning systems. Your aim has been to provide a better quality continuous learning provision and better support and challenge for children's individual learning. Discussions with staff demonstrate how these steps have been effective in increasing their knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. Staff also demonstrate high levels of motivation to undertake future training and to make continuous improvements in their practice. They are able to identify children's current achievements and next steps in learning and they are able to demonstrate how they are using this information to plan activities. This is improving staff's ability to support and extend children's learning.

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 |
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| ensure that all staff understand the setting's safeguarding policy and procedures, and ensure that they have up-to-date knowledge of child protection issues | 13/06/2014 | 22/08/2014 |
| ensure that staff plan effective activities which challenge children's individual progress | 13/06/2014 | 22/08/2014 |
| ensure that all staff have a secure knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements | 13/06/2014 | 22/08/2014 |
| ensure there are appropriate arrangements in place for the supervision of staff, including support, coaching and training to increase staff's knowledge and skills to support children's welfare and learning. | 13/06/2014 | 22/08/2014 |