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Dear Playworld (New Forest) CIC

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Brenda Flewitt, monitored your provision on 11/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 06/05/2014, 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.

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 the arrival of children and the organisation of snack time, the activities available, staff deployment, and interaction between children and staff. The inspector spoke to you and individual members of staff. She looked at records of staff suitability, qualifications and first aid certificates.

The inspector found that you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. This has enabled you to identify how to address the areas identified for improvement. Although you have not had any contact with your local authority advisors, you have been pro-active in seeking advice from other professionals.

The records of staff suitability with regard to Disclosure and Barring Service checks are up to date. Although, you keep these off the premises due to the lack of safe storage, you are able to collect them when necessary for an inspector to view. First aid and staff qualification certificates are on display, which enables parents and other relevant visitors to see them. As a result, records are available for inspection.

You have employed some new staff since the last inspection, who have relevant

qualifications. This means that out of six members of staff who work with the children, four hold qualifications at level 3. Your staff rotas ensure that there are at least two members of staff with a level 3 qualification working at anyone time. This means that you are meeting the requirement for qualifications.

You have reviewed how staff are deployed when children are playing both outside and inside. You make sure that there are at least two members of staff supervising children playing outside. This helps staff to interact appropriately as well as supervise children's safety. Staff remind children of the boundaries and areas they can use at the premises. They also tell children that they must inform a member of staff if they want to go outside or go into the building. Staff now use a radio system, which enables them to communicate quickly with each other whether they are inside or outside. Therefore, staff know where children are at all times, which helps to promote their safety.

You have reviewed the organisation of children's arrival to the club, and older children arrive before the younger ones. This enables them to finish their snack before the younger children arrive to make their snack choices. Staff remind children to wash their hands before handling food and you have increased the options of fresh fruit and vegetables to promote children's healthy eating further.

Staff have obtained more equipment specifically for younger children, which includes books and number games. They have rearranged the storage of resources, such as books. These are now available in open boxes. This means that children can see what is available more easily. Staff have crates of play equipment and resources available, which they place on the tables once snack time is over. Therefore, they make a wider range of activities available to children. As a result, this helps children make independent play choices.

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
make sure that all relevant records are easily accessible and available for inspection, in particular the evidence of checks completed for staff with the Disclosure Barring Service, and for staff having obtained suitable first aid certificates	04/07/2014	11/09/2014
ensure staff qualification requirements are met at all times so at least half of all staff, excluding the manager, hold at least a full and relevant level 2 qualification	04/07/2014	11/09/2014
deploy staff effectively to ensure children's safety, so children are always well supervised and supported, and particularly when they move between the indoor and outdoor areas	04/07/2014	11/09/2014
improve the organisation of the start of the club's sessions, so that arrival and snack times are managed in a way that meets children's needs and promotes their good health well	04/07/2014	11/09/2014
improve organisation of learning opportunities to provide children with a good range of stimulating and challenging play experiences to help them make good progress.	04/07/2014	11/09/2014
ensure that at least half of all persons caring for children have successfully completed a qualification at a minimum of level 2 in a relevant area of work.	04/07/2014	11/09/2014