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Our Reference EY451411

Dear Eldica Lawes

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Claire Jenner, monitored your provision on 17/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 18/06/2014, 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 the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed interaction between yourself, staff and children within the setting and during the school pick-up. The inspector toured the premises and viewed the equipment, resources and activities available to children. She also spoke to individual members of staff. The inspector asked to speak to a representative from the local authority, but they were unavailable at the time of the visit. The inspector looked at staff records and qualifications, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks. She also looked at your attendance registers and risk assessments and the setting's policies and procedures.

The inspector found that with support from the local authority you have taken positive action to address the issues raised at your last inspection and have introduced systems to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has allowed you to identify how to address the areas for improvement found at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement. The inspector found that you have reviewed and updated your policies and procedures relating to the drop-off and pick-up of children from school. You have prepared written risk assessments, which clearly identify potential hazards and the steps taken to minimise these in order to promote the safety and welfare of children. For

example, staff and children wear high-visibility vests to help identify individuals linked to the club. Frequent head counts of children and a signing-in and out system have been agreed with teaching staff. This helps to ensure a clear and accurate transfer of children and responsibilities from the club to school. The inspector also found that in addition, an organisational review now ensures that staff are deployed more effectively to ensure that children are appropriately supervised. Staff ensure that children are clear of the expectations for their behaviour and how to keep themselves safe. Information is shared with parents to make sure that they are kept fully informed. This contributes to ensuring children are appropriately safeguarded and meets the requirements of registration.

The inspector found that you have welcomed support from your local authority and acted upon their feedback and guidance. You acknowledged that you and the staff struggled with the outcome of the inspection and that this had an impact on the confidence of staff within the setting. However, you have moved on and are reviewing and reflecting on practice, policies and procedures in order to continue 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 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 children are supervised appropriately at all times, in particular on the school pick up and drop off, in order to help guarantee their safety	30/06/2014	17/09/2014
ensure staff are deployed efficiently in order to keep all children safe	30/06/2014	17/09/2014
ensure that the risk assessments that are in place for the school pick up and drop off have identified all the potential hazards, and make certain measures that are in place to ensure children's safety are appropriate.	30/06/2014	17/09/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	30/06/2014	17/09/2014
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