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Dear Tiny Treasures Daycare & Education Partnership

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julia Galloway, monitored your provision on 26/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 08/07/2014, 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. You confirmed that you have received support from local authority advisers who have made two visits to your setting. The inspector discussed with you, your plan of action in response to the notice to improve. She took a tour of the nursery and held meetings with yourself, your manager and a representative from the local authority. The inspector viewed documents relating to children's welfare, health and safety. This included risk assessments, daily safety checks, a document from the planning department and evidence of staff suitability checks. The inspector was provided with Disclosure and Barring Service information for each person employed. She looked at children's learning files and spoke with their individual key person with regards to the monitoring of children's progress.

The inspector discussed with you the action that you have taken to ensure that risk assessments are effective in identifying all risks to children; this specifically related to ensuring blind cords were securely fixed and the risk of children falling from first floor windows. The inspector found that you had removed these risks by no longer using the first floor for children. In addition to this, you had added opening restrictors to all first floor windows. You outlined your intention to remove the blinds if the first floor is used by children in the future. However, during the visit a number of significant hazards were present in the other areas where children are cared for.

This demonstrates that risk assessments have not been fully effective. The inspector found that medication was not stored appropriately and had been administered to children without written consent from parents and/or carers. Furthermore, a number of hazards were also observed in the outdoor play area, which compromised children's safety. Play equipment at a raised height, was not effectively supervised by staff and safety matting only covered some areas surrounding this equipment. In addition, a display board had a number of sharp staples protruding through the wood. This put children at risk from harm. Children were also prompted by staff to wash their hands at an outside tap, with no sink or hand washing facilities. As a result, the dirty water was running into a water play tray, onto a table and then freely onto the floor. This put children at risk from cross contamination which compromised their good health.

The inspector discussed with you, the use of the first floor and you provided evidence that you have been granted temporary planning permission to do so. However, you have not yet obtained certification from Building Regulations to conform with this planning permission. The inspector discussed with you how indoor space requirements are calculated to ensure that children's needs are fully met. You provided evidence of your calculations and reported that you can currently provide appropriate space for 28 children.

The inspector looked at the steps that you have taken to monitor and evaluate children's progress. Since your last inspection you have revised your system for tracking children's progress. You have implemented a number of new tracking documents and devised a system to ensure that staff regularly undertake this. You reported that, the setting has been closed over the summer period and that not all of these documents have been fully completed because children have only attended for a few sessions to date. However, discussions with your staff confirmed that they were getting to know their key children well and were beginning to complete these documents. You informed the inspector that you intended to continue to monitor this.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the setting has not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

We will take enforcement action to ensure compliance with children's welfare and/or learning and development requirements.

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 risk assessments are effective in identifying all risks to children and demonstrate how prompt action is taken to minimise these risks; this specifically relates to children's access to blind cords that are not securely fixed and the assessment of the risk of falls from first floor windows	08/07/2014	26/09/2014
ensure the premises are fit for purpose; this is with specific regard to the use of the first floor room for children and obtaining planning permission	31/07/2014	26/09/2014
demonstrate how the indoor space requirements will be complied with, to ensure children's needs are fully met	31/07/2014	26/09/2014
implement a robust procedure to monitor and evaluate children's assessment records to ensure children's progress is tracked accurately over time in all aspects of learning, and in relation to their starting points	31/07/2014	26/09/2014
undertake effective risk assessments of the premises and equipment immediately where the need arises and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	08/07/2014	26/09/2014
undertake effective risk assessments of the premises and equipment immediately where the need arises and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	08/07/2014	26/09/2014
implement policies and procedures for administering and storing medicines, this must include obtaining up-to-date information about children's medical needs and written consent from parents	22/10/2014	

and/or carers to administer medication

ensure that the premises and equipment are organised to effectively meet children's needs and to minimise the risk of cross contamination during hand washing; in particular the use of outside taps to wash children's hands 22/10/2014

take all necessary measures to minimise any risks to the health or safety of the children and staff in their care (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) 22/10/2014

take all necessary measures to minimise any risks to the health or safety of the children and staff in their care (voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 22/10/2014