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Dear Places For Children Ltd

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Susan Mann, monitored your provision on 10/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 11/06/2014, 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 that you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed the interaction between staff and children. The inspector also spoke to you and individual members of staff. The inspector toured the premises and looked at the range of resources available to children in each room. The inspector also checked safeguarding policies and procedures and evidence of staff's suitability to be working with children.

You have welcomed support from your local authority. With their help, you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and are making progress in implementing these plans. This is helping to bring about improvement.

The inspector found that all members of staff have a secure understanding of their safeguarding responsibilities and the signs and symptoms they must be alert to. The safeguarding policy has been reviewed to ensure that it is in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) guidance. All staff spoken to demonstrated their awareness of the procedures to follow should they have any concerns about children in their care. In addition, you showed a good understanding of the notification requirements to ensure that relevant safeguarding agencies and Ofsted are informed in the specified timescales.

You have taken steps to ensure that the premises and equipment accessed by children are safe, clean, hygienic and free of any pests and pest activity. You have employed the services of a specialist pest control company, who have sited traps around the premises, away from the children, to prevent and ensure that the premises remain pest free. Risk assessments and daily visual checks by all staff work effectively to keep the rooms and equipment safe, clean and hygienic.

The inspector observed staff deployment during the lunch period. You have put in place measures to ensure that there are cover staff available to allow other staff to have their lunch breaks. This means that all children receive appropriate levels of attention and supervision. Staff were observed to be sitting with the children and talking to them as they ate their lunch. This means that children are able to receive help when required and develops their social skills as they enjoy talking to staff and their friends.

You have reviewed and assessed the quantity and quality of the play materials and resources available to children to reflect all seven areas of learning and to provide greater opportunities for variety, choice and challenge. The inspector noted that there is a greater range of natural and wooden play resources available for all children. In addition, you and the staff have enhanced how resources are stored and displayed, which means that children are able to access a much wider range of play materials independently. Therefore, children have access to resources which reflect all seven areas of learning and promote their independence and choice.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you have taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

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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 all members of the management and staff team are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities and make sure that the setting's safeguarding policy and procedures are implemented in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) guidance; this includes notification to relevant safeguarding agencies and Ofsted within the timescale specified	01/07/2014	10/09/2014
ensure that all areas of the premises and equipment accessed by children are safe, clean, hygienic and free of any pests and pest activity	31/07/2014	10/09/2014
review staff roles and deployment to ensure children receive appropriate levels of attention and supervision, particularly during mealtimes and staff breaks	01/07/2014	10/09/2014
improve on the range of play materials and resources on offer for all ages to reflect all seven areas of learning and to provide greater opportunities for variety, choice and challenges.	31/08/2014	10/09/2014
implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard children being cared for from any form of abuse or neglect (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	01/07/2014	10/09/2014
ensure that the premises and equipment used for childcare are safe and suitable for children's use (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	31/07/2014	10/09/2014
implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard children being cared for from any form of abuse or neglect (voluntary	01/07/2014	10/09/2014

part of the Childcare Register)

ensure that the premises and equipment used for childcare are safe and suitable for children's use (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	31/07/2014	10/09/2014
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