

Our Reference EY318381

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Diane Mary O'Neill, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 18/04/2012. This visit follows on from your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of the visit

As a result of our inspection on 09/02/2012, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

You were sent three welfare requirement notices which required you to; undertake sensitive observational assessment in order to plan to meet young children's individual needs; plan and provide experiences which are appropriate to each child's stage of development as they progress towards the early learning goals and request written parental permission, at the time of the child's admission to the provision, to the seeking of any necessary emergency medical advice or treatment in the future.

From the evidence gathered at the monitoring visit on the 2 March 2012 we found that the Welfare Requirement Notices had been met.

As a result of the inspection on 9 February 2012 a notice to improve was also issued. This notice required you to provide the following information for parents: details for contacting Ofsted and an explanation that they can make a complaint to Ofsted should they wish, carry out a full risk assessment for each type of outing, conduct a risk assessment, review it regularly and identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis. Maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked, take all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards to children - both indoors and outdoors - are kept to a minimum, ensure that all adults who live on the premises on which the childcare is provided are suitable to do so, with specific regard to completing and submitting a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure Application Form, keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

From the evidence gathered at the visit on the 13 March 2012 the inspector was

satisfied that the childminder had met the actions for proving parents with details of how to contact Ofsted if they wished to make a complaint. That all reasonable steps had been taken to ensure that hazards both inside and outside were kept to a minimum. The childminder now has in place a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

The remaining actions still required further work; however, their completion date was not due until the 23 March 2012.

From the evidence gathered at the visit on the 14 April 2012 the inspector was satisfied that the childminder had met the actions, to carry out a full risk assessment for each type of outing (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) . The childminder has fully completed all her risk assessments and now they are kept safe in a file so that they are all together. The risk assessments cover the various rooms in the home and outings the childminder takes the children on, as well as assessing the risk if the children come into contact with any of the family pets and chickens.

The childminder was asked to, conduct a risk assessment, review it regularly and identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis. Maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (Documentation). This has now been successfully met by the childminder as she now has systems in place to regular review and identify any risk, and she makes sure all areas are as safe for children.

At the inspection there was also a notice to improve set within the compulsory and voluntary part of the childcare register in relation to ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person, Ensure that a written statement of procedures is kept in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email, Undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year and, immediately where the need for an assessment arises, ensuring that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks, Take action as specified for the requirements of the Childcare Register (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment) (Suitability of persons to care for, or be in regular contact with, children) (Procedures for dealing with complaints).

At the monitoring visit made on the 18 April these had all been addressed and fully met.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you are making satisfactory improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

Through discussion and observation of some of the childminder's documentation that was not as good as it could have been, she has made satisfactory process in meeting the issues raised in the welfare notice and notice to improve.

The childminder has taken guidance from her local authority early years department to further improve her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage learning and outcomes for children. She has worked hard to develop her planning and ways to gather as much information about a child's starting point to enable her to support and guide them through their learning and development.

The childminder has worked hard to improve her documentation in relation to information for parents with regards to complaints and how to contact Ofsted. She ensures that all relevant information is close to hand as well as displayed on her notice board. The childminder has made sure her premises both inside and outside are free of hazards to children and she has developed her risk assessment to ensure they cover all areas of her work. She also ensures that the suitability of other adults within the household and ensure children are supervised at all times, therefore keeping them safe.

The setting has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

Next steps

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The childminder has made satisfactory improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

I hope that you have found the visit helpful in promoting improvement in your childminding service. If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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