

Our Reference 201333

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Yvonne Johnson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 23/04/2013. 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 01/02/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

In order to ensure that children are kept safe you were issued with a welfare requirements notice which required you to ensure that your policy and procedures to safeguard children was in line with local requirements and included the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of the household.

You were also asked to ensure that all persons working with children understand who is responsible for liaison with local statutory children's services and to have regard for the Governments statutory guidance.

Furthermore you were asked to ensure that all persons working with children have up to date knowledge of safeguarding and are able to identify signs of possible abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, and to respond in a timely and appropriate way.

You were also issued with a notice of actions to improve which required you to support children's personal, social and emotional development by ensuring children are cared for by good role models who help them to learn to manage their feelings and promote children's understanding of appropriate behaviour, and to improve opportunities for children to explore and engage in their local and wider community and encourage further independence by providing an enabling environment where children are free to select resources and make choices in their play.

It also required you to ensure that parents receive correct and up to date information including the details about how to contact Ofsted.

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

The childminder has taken steps to address the issues and has attended training with the assistant on Safeguarding provided by the local authority, she has also attended another course on children's language development since the inspection. She is clear about signs and symptoms of possible abuse and neglect and has clear procedures in place to follow in the event of making a referral to the Social Care team. Information for parents is well displayed and tells parents how she will deal with any concerns. Contact numbers for Ofsted are provided in the information. The childminder has all the required contact numbers for the local authority.

Regular trips out and visits to local groups are being undertaken with the children to provide opportunities for them to socialise with their peers in different situations and environments. The childminder is building a record to share with parents about children's different experiences and how they develop to the next stages of learning through these experiences. The childminder reflects with the children on both adult and child behaviour and talks about what is and is not acceptable behaviour.

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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