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Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Langley, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 23/08/2013. 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 17/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice was to be met by 22 August 2013 and required you to: make sure ratios are maintained at all times to ensure children's needs are met and to keep them safe (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements Staff: child ratios, Childminders 3.39); ensure that children are adequately supervised, to make sure they are within sight and hearing, and always within sight or hearing (Early Years Foundation Stage Staff: child ratios 3.27) and ensure risk assessments are reviewed regularly and implemented effectively in practice, that they identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and how the risk will be removed or minimised, (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Risk Assessment 3.63).

You were also sent a Notice to Improve. This required you to: improve the daily experience of children in the early years setting by updating training, skills and knowledge of early years foundation stage (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Staff qualifications, training, support and skills, 3.18); use information identified through observation and assessment in order to accurately plan the educational programme based on children's identified next steps in learning, so that they make good progress (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2); develop the two-way flow of information with other providers that children attend in parallel, in order to fully support children's learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2); take account of the individual needs, interests and stages of development of each child at the outset to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the

areas of learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2) and promote the good health of children attending, this refers with particular reference to ensuring that fresh drinking water is available and accessible to children at all times (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Food and Drink, 3.45).

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

At the monitoring visit on 23 August 2013 the Welfare Requirement Notice has been met. You have taken steps to ensure you are meeting the ratio requirements at all times by caring for no more than the maximum number of children permitted. Children are supervised at all times as you, and or they, move around the house. Sleeping children are checked regularly. Risk assessments are completed and appropriate action taken to make the home safe: trailing wires have been made inaccessible and children are supervised at all times when they are drinking.

Fresh drinking water is made available at any time. Children have their own cups which are kept within reach or use of a water cooler. At the visit children enjoyed playing with connecting bricks or technology toys. You have a positive attitude to improvement and have been working with the Preschool Learning Alliance on behalf of the Local Authority, to update your knowledge and skills for the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development. This will be checked at the next monitoring visit for compliance with the Notice to Improve.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

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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