

Our Reference 123895

## **Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Langley, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 21/08/2013. 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 11/07/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This Welfare Requirement Notice, which was to be met by 8 August 2013 required you to: devise a policy and procedure to safeguard children in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board. Ensure this includes what action would be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of the household, and the use of mobile phones and cameras (Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirement, Child protection 3.4 – 3.8); devise a procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and/or carers if they believe the provider is not meeting the Early Year's Foundation Stage requirements, (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Complaints 3.73) and make sure risk assessments are reviewed regularly, 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. Ensure these are implemented effectively in practice, (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement, Risk Assessment 3.63).

You were also issued with a Notice to Improve, which is to be met by 1 November 2013. This asked 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 3.18); promote the good health of children by ensuring children adopt and learn about good hygiene practices to ensure the risk of cross-infection is reduced (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Health 3.42); use observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences, and to ensure that children are provided with

sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2) and enable a regular two-way flow of information with parents and/or carers and between providers if a child is attending more than one setting (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Information and Records 3.67)

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

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- improve the daily experience of children in the early years setting by updating training, skills and knowledge of Early Years Foundation stage 01/11/2013
- use observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences, and to ensure that children are provided with sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development 01/11/2013

### **Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children**

At the monitoring visit on 21 August 2013 it was found that action has been taken to meet the Welfare Requirement Notice. A clear comprehensive safeguarding policy has been devised which includes what steps to follow if an allegation is made against you the childminder, or a member of the household, in order to safeguard the welfare of children. It also includes the suitable use of cameras and mobile phones to record children's progress and share information with parents without compromising children's safety. There is a clear complaints procedure which sets out how you will respond to any concerns raised and the records kept to share with parents when they request information about the childminding practice.

A risk assessment has been completed and action taken to make the home, equipment and resources safe for minded children: safety gates have been fitted to enable supervision of children in different areas of the house; stairs and trailing wires have been made inaccessible, a folded buggy is stored so that children cannot trap their fingers in it, a stone is placed in part of the water feature in the garden area so that there is no shallow water left in the container which could be a hazard to young children and an external gate has been made safe so that children cannot leave the premises unsupervised.

To prevent cross infection children use paper towels to dry their hands. There is some exchange of information to support children's care and learning between you and other providers. Plans are in place to develop this and make sure it is focussed sufficiently for each individual child to promote the next step in their development.

During the visit a range of enjoyable and challenging activities were provided. All

areas of learning were covered while children enjoyed baking cakes, catching and blowing bubbles and using their imaginations in a variety of role play. Children are supported when required and their care needs met. You were able to demonstrate through discussion that you have reviewed her practice to address the balance between adult-led and child-initiated play, ensuring children are able to be independent active learners.

Knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements has been updated and policies and procedures revised to reflect this. You have a positive attitude to improving your practice. A further monitoring visit will take place to check that the actions to be met by 1 November 2013 are in place and that improvement is maintained.

### **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

Susan Gregory HMI  
National Director, Inspection Delivery

**For the attention of:** Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement Team.

### Reply slip

### ACTIONS

Please complete the box below to show what you have done in order to meet the action required:

Action Required	Action Taken	Date Completed
improve the daily experience of children in the early years setting by updating training, skills and knowledge of Early Years Foundation stage		
use observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences, and to ensure that children are provided with sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development		

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