

Our Reference 306845

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 27/08/2013. 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 16/04/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice required you to: ensure that a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained and retained to ensure that children are safeguarded and that this is available for inspection.

In addition a notice of action to improve was issued which required you to ensure that the progress check at age two enables appropriate support for children by: accurately reflecting the development level of the child and areas in which additional support might be needed; discussing with parents and carers to support learning at home; providing a short written summary for parents and carers; improve the use of assessment by responding to day-to-day observations about children's progress and shaping learning experiences for each child reflecting these observations, in partnership with parents and/or carers; enable a regular two-way flow of information between providers if a child is attending more than one setting to promote consistency of support in children's learning and development.

A notice of action to improve on the compulsory and voluntary part of the childcare register was also issued which required you to keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance.

From evidence gathered at the visit on 19 June 2013 the inspector was satisfied that the provider had taken immediate steps to ensure the action in the welfare requirement notice was met. In addition the inspector was satisfied that work is in progress to fully meet all of the notice of actions to improve relating to the learning

and development requirements and safeguarding and welfare requirements. The inspector concluded that this setting is making satisfactory improvement overall.

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

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

At the second monitoring visit on 27 August 2013, the inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that the action set in the welfare requirement notice continues to be met. In addition, good progress has been made in meeting the actions raised in the notice of action to improve.

Details of children's hours of attendance are recorded in respect of their times of arrival and departure. It was noted at the visit that this is a consistently maintained record that is kept on the premises and available for inspection.

Since inspection the childminder has completed a local authority Observation, Assessment and Planning course and has put revised documentation in place to improve observation and assessment for children's learning. This information is linked to the 'unique child' within the areas of learning and this assessment is then used to identify what children can do and to plan for extended learning. There are learning journals for all early years children and the provider shares information on each child's progress with parents on a daily basis and also through periodic sharing of children's learning journeys. During the visit, children were observed to make choices of play and show good levels of interest and concentration.

The childminder is using local authority format for recording progress checks for 2-year-old children. This includes the prime areas and informs of the development level of the child and any areas for which additional support may be useful. Parents are provided with a copy of this document. Early years children attending the setting do not currently attend any additional settings, so the childminder is not in a position to promote a regular two-way flow of information between providers. However, the childminder confirms intention of sharing daily information with a future additional provider and to encourage exchange of children's developmental progress.

The provider has made good 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 good 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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