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Our Reference EY347146

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jennifer Fisher, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 02/08/2013. 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 02/08/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements required you to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children and others on the premises in the case of fire or other emergency, by ensuring that you have an emergency evacuation procedure and appropriate fire detection and control equipment, such as smoke detectors, which are in working order and ensure that fire doors are free from obstruction; improve your understanding of children's safety by ensuring that you have clear procedures for assessing risks to children's safety, and that they are reviewed regularly and to ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks.

Actions raised in the notice to improve asked you to; undertake a risk assessment of the home and equipment at least once in each calendar year or immediately where the need arises to identify and minimise risk; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); obtain a current public liability insurance; make sure there is insurance cover in respect of liability which may be incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); obtain from parents the full details of the children including the name and address of every parent or carer who has parental responsibility for the child and with whom the child normally lives with including emergency contact details;

keep records of the name, home address of each child who is looked after, as well as

the name, home address of parent and/or carer of each child who is looked after. (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children; ensure parents are provided with information about the activities the children will undertake (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); develop your understanding of the learning and development requirements, giving priority to educational programmes for the prime and specific areas of learning; make regular observations of children’s learning, assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan the next steps for each child; Implement systems to initiate progress checks for two-year-olds and discuss with parents and/or carers how the summary of development can be used to support learning at home and encourage parents to share their observations of children’s learning at home.

At the first monitoring visit on 02 August 2013, the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that the welfare requirement notice to be completed by 01 August 2013 had been partially met. You had taken steps to ensure safety of children in the event of a fire or other emergency, by ensuring that you have an emergency evacuation procedure and by ensuring that fire doors are free from obstruction and that you have appropriate fire detection equipment. You have also improved your understanding of children’s safety and risk assessment, and you made some minor changes to risk assessment; however the procedures for risk assessment are not clear they are not reviewed on a regular basis. You also took steps to remove some hazardous items, however others were identified and you have not taken appropriate steps to reduce or minimise these risks.

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:

- ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks. 30/09/2013
- remove the hazards identified in the living room, specifically trailing wires and pipe and ensure that equipment to be used by children is safe and suitable for children. 30/09/2013
- ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) 30/09/2013
- ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake (voluntary part of the 30/09/2013

Childcare Register)

- ensure that the exit to the balcony can be made inaccessible and that children are not able to easily exit this area unsupervised, whilst ensuring that it is an access route in the event of an emergency.

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Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

The regulatory inspector found that you have met some actions that were raised within the timescales and that you are making some progress in meeting the actions to be completed by 16 September 2013. You have obtained current public liability insurance, obtained necessary records relating to children and you have a fully equipped first aid box. You have booked yourself on a first aid course and arranged support from the Early years development worker to support you in understanding and implementing the learning and development requirements and actions raised in respect of these. Your improvement in this area will be monitored further at additional visits.

An additional welfare requirement notice was raised at this visit which requires you to ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks; and to remove the hazards identified in the living room, specifically trailing wires and pipe and ensure that equipment to be used by children is safe and suitable for children.

In addition, actions were raised at this visit which asks you to ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake; undertake a risk assessment of the home and equipment at least once in each calendar year or immediately where the need arises to identify and minimise risk; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks and ensure that the exit to the balcony can be made inaccessible and that children are not able to easily exit this area unsupervised, whilst ensuring that it is an access route in the event of an emergency.

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
ensure that the risk assessment identifies aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and that you have taken appropriate steps to minimise or remove these risks.		
remove the hazards identified in the living room, specifically trailing wires and pipe and ensure that equipment to be used by children is safe and suitable for children.		
ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)		
ensure parents are provided with information about activities the children will undertake (voluntary part of the		

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ensure that the exit to the balcony can be made inaccessible and that children are not able to easily exit this area unsupervised, whilst ensuring that it is an access route in the event of an emergency.		

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

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