

Our Reference 104667

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Williamson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 20/08/2013. 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 13/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice required you to take the following action to meet the requirements of registration; ensure you care for a maximum of 3 young children, unless you are caring for sibling babies and can demonstrate that the individual needs of all children are being met. It is an offence to fail to meet the requirements of a welfare requirements notice.

We also issued a notice to improve asking to take the following steps to meet the requirements of registration:

Review the planning and organisation of activities, to ensure that each child benefits from challenging and enjoyable experiences, in all areas of learning and development, with particular regard to promoting children's communication and language development (Learning and Development – Planning)

Review risk assessments and develop robust self-evaluation procedures, to improve and monitor safety, supervision and effectiveness of children's care and learning (Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)

Ensure a daily record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Records to be kept, Childcare Register)

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 visit you provide and demonstrate how the monthly planner shows the predicted attendance for all children. This is of particular importance for children that have differing weekly patterns of attendance. Your daily register shows how you record details for all children that you are responsible for when taking children to and from local schools and nurseries. This is of particular importance because at times you are accompanied by additional children who remain the responsibility of their parent during this walk. You demonstrate a clear understanding of the required adult to child ratio and you ensure you do not care for more than 3 young children at any one time, unless you are caring for a sibling baby. When you care for sibling babies you demonstrate that the individual needs of all children are being met. You have a daily record of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance. You explain how you will ensure you maintain these records.

You have made good use of the support provided by the local authority services. You use formal records to plan and organise activities, to provide challenging and enjoyable experiences, in all areas of learning and development. Many of the activities promote children's communication and language development. You provide good explanation of how you will use your assessments of children's interests to influence the planning of future activities. You have completed comprehensive development reviews for all children that are due to start at the local nursery school. These have been shared with parents and agreement sought for them to be shared with teaching staff.

You use formal risk assessments which cover all aspects of your childminding services, including your regular use of other services such as toddler groups. The risk assessments show how you will monitor the safety and supervision of all children. You provide good explanation of how you identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when these aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised. You provide good explanation of how you use feedback from parents, children and other agencies to influence your self-evaluation procedures. Your continued professional development includes plans to provide places under the Early Years Entitlement Funding provided by Devon County Council. You have identified further training opportunities to further enhance your childminding practice.

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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