

Our Reference EY376196

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

An Ofsted inspector, Yvonne Johnson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 18/09/2013. 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 07/05/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

In order to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe you were issued with a welfare requirements notice. This required you to ensure that minimum legally allowed adult: child ratios are maintained at all times; ensure indoor space requirements are met and assess and minimise risks to children's safety when walking to and from school. Some of the requirements were met at the monitoring visit on 04 July 2013, however at the time you failed to comply with the action to ensure that minimum legally allowed adult: child ratios are maintained at all times and at the visit you were issued with a caution for this failure to comply with the notice. Since this visit you have maintained ratios to comply with the requirements and on the visit of 18 September 2013 you were found to be in ratio.

You were also issued with a notice of actions to improve, which required you to: ensure that information from observations and assessments is effectively used to identify children's levels of achievement, learning styles and interests. Use the information to shape learning experiences for each child that reflect the observations; establish links with other providers of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to provide consistency in learning, in order to support transitions as children move on in their early education; ensure that all legally required information about each child is recorded and made available at inspection.

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**

The childminder has taken all the required action to address the issues from inspection and this was discussed. She is now clear about the ratios required when working alone, and with an assistant present. The space in the premises is being used for all the children including the front room and dining areas, which older children use for home work and games. She continues to risk assess possible risks to children walking to and from school and think about how these can be reduced, written risk assessments are now in place for outings which identify potential hazards and the steps she takes to reduce these. She uses her assistant during the week to care for children whilst she collects from school and has the required permission for sole care in place. Children's records have been placed into individual folders and are accessible for inspection by Ofsted. The childminder has learning journals in place for children and is recording observations of significant events in each child's development, these identify next steps for the child. However these are in the early stages and do not yet fully link to planning for each child, a further visit will be required to monitor progress in this area. Since the inspection the childminder has thought about how she works with other settings which children attend and ways of improving working together for children. She has developed a form for parents about the sharing of information between settings and has spoken to schools and other settings about the care she provides.

## **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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