

Our Reference EY410305

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 11/09/2013. 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 23/07/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure the safeguarding procedure which includes the appropriate use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting is implemented effectively (Child Protection); ensure the premises are safe and suitable for children and fit for purpose, with specific regard to the outdoor pool and display of inappropriate pictures on the first floor (Safety) and ensure you have a clear and well understood policy and procedures, for assessing any risk to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly with particular regard to the outdoor pool (Risk assessment).

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure records are easily accessible and available this is with particular regard to a first aid certificate for assistants who may have sole care of the children; ensure that assigned key person tailors children's care to meet their individual needs; ensure confidential information and records about children are held securely and only accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them; ensure that children are consistently provided with a balance of healthy and nutritious meals and snacks; ensure staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children to ensure their safety, and that they are adequately supervised to meet their needs and improve the planning of challenging and enjoyable learning experiences by taking into account individual needs, interests and stage of development for each child.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Childcare Register

Requirements asked you to: ensure that the premises used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare and undertake a risk assessment of the premises and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks.

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

At the first monitoring visit on 11 September 2013 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be completed by 28 August 2013 and 09 September 2013 had been met.

The paddling pool has been removed from the outdoor area and is stored in a secure shed and any inappropriate pictures displayed in a first floor bedroom have also been removed. The childminder has completed a written risk assessment policy and has recorded risk assessments for the premises. She has further reviewed and updated risk assessment for the use of the paddling pool to reduce risk to children. It includes control measures, such as constant supervision, with assistants to supervise where a childminder is temporarily unavailable; gate closed to prevent children's access; to drain the pool when not in use and to have safety talks with children to help them understand the associated risks.

Policy and practice for the safe use of mobile phones in the setting has been updated by the childminder. She provides a container, which is sited out of access to the children, for the storage of mobile phones. There is a printed sign that requests visitors and children to store their mobile phones in this container. Visitors are checked for the use and storage of mobile phones soon after they arrive.

The childminder works with a co-childminder; she confirms that they both work together and that some aspects of care are shared. There are clearer arrangements for each childminder to be a key person for the children. The childminder is attentive to the children and responds to their needs, such as for toileting, sleeping and play. There is discussion with the child's mother about the child's care needs for continuity.

There are a variety of documents displayed and available in the entrance hallway for parents and visitors to see. This includes training completed by the childminders and assistants; current paediatric first aid certificates for the assistants are displayed and available for inspection. Each child has their own personal details stored within a file; these sections are separated and only available to relevant parents.

During the visit, there were various foods available for the children, which include healthy snack options such as melon, apples, bananas, and a pineapple. Some children have a packed lunch provided by their parents. However, the childminder provides foods for children where required, such as sandwiches made with white or

wholemeal bread and fillings of cheese and ham. However, some options are still less healthy such as jam and chocolate spread and biscuits.

The required date has not yet passed for the action to improve the planning of challenging and enjoyable learning experiences by taking into account individual needs, interests and stage of development for each child. However, the childminder completes a plan for each child, which has their interests and planning for the areas of learning. There are learning journeys for each child that include photographs and observations for evidence of what children can do.

The next visit will be a monitoring visit to check sustained and continued improvement and compliance with the action for improving the planning of children's learning experiences, taking account of their needs and interests.

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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