

Our Reference 959719

## **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 childminder has updated policy and practice for safe use of mobile phones in the setting. There is a container for the storage of mobile phones. This has a printed sign that requests visitors, including children, to store their mobile phones in this container, which is sited out of access to children. The childminder checks the use and storage of mobile phones at the initial stages of visit.

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

The childminder works with a co-childminder and confirms that they work together as a team. There are clear arrangements for each childminder to have specific key children, although there are times where care is shared. The childminder explained understanding of a child's needs that he is key worker for, informing of feeding and sleeping needs and their enjoyment when playing with tactile toys. There is discussion with the child's mother about the child's care needs for continuity.

Documentation is displayed and available for training completed by assistants, including their current paediatric first aid certificates. Each child has their own personal details correctly stored within a file; these are separated and only available to relevant parents.

During the visit, the childminder had various foods available for the children, which include healthy snack options such as bananas, pineapple, melon and apples. Sandwiches vary with white and wholemeal bread and fillings of ham and cheese. However, some options are still less healthy such as jam and chocolate spread and biscuits. Some children have a packed lunch provided by their parents.

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. Although the childminder has some input into observation and planning for children's learning and development, details related to this are currently and primarily completed by the co-childminder.

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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