

Our Reference 105197

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, 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 19/08/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice required you to address the following:

manage children's behaviour in positive ways ensuring that physical intervention is used only when absolutely necessary to prevent serious harm and ensure discussions about behaviour are positive and supportive; ensure that all areas registered for childminding are safe for children's use; in particular relation to the garden, by removing hazardous items and securely blocking off areas which pose a threat to children; take steps to ensure that accidents are prevented by storing toys for children's easy reach in a way that is safe.

A notice to improve was also issued which required you to address the following:

ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for childcare (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); provide suitable support for children whose development causes concerns to ensure that they make satisfactory progress in all prime areas; especially in the area of communication and language; establish a two-way flow of information with parents to fully understand children's abilities and to plan suitably for their next steps in learning.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you are making inadequate improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

A monitoring visit took place on 11 September 2013.

You have made some progress to manage children's behaviour in a positive manner. You praise children to acknowledge they have done something well and this impacts positively on their self-esteem. However, your interaction with children is still an area of concern. For example, when a child asks to play with a 'play house' you respond by saying 'can we play with that later?'. The child objected by getting upset and stamping his feet in frustration. When the inspector asked you why the child could not play with the 'play house' you said it was because the children cannot have too many toys out. The inspector pointed out that you had not explained this to the child. In addition, there was sufficient space for this toy. Although you have safely stored toys and they are within easy reach of children, you sometimes restrict children from making choices about their play. The inspector observed limited skills with regard to preventing un-necessary distress to children. You did not tell a child you were going to check their nappy before grabbing them and lying them down, which showed no consideration for the child's feelings and resulted in the child being distressed. When this was pointed out to you by the inspector you acknowledged that you do not think before you act. The welfare requirement has not been fully met and will be monitored at the next visit.

You have made satisfactory progress in making all areas for children safe. However, children were not able to play in the garden because you had not taken the time to ensure the raised concrete drain was protected. Although you purchased foam matting several weeks ago, you continue to make excuses as to why it has not be put in place. Such as, having no time or bad weather. On the day of the visit it was fine weather but the children could not play in the garden. This shows a lack of commitment in providing opportunities to promote children's physical development.

You have received the support of the Local Authority to assist you in meeting the learning and development requirements. You are aware of the areas where children require additional support and have taken some steps to promote their progress. This requirement must be met by 11 December 2013 and will be monitored at the next visit.

Next steps

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The childminder has made inadequate progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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