

Our Reference EY406932

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julia Crowley, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 04/11/2013. 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 19/09/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

On 19 September 2013, the childminder received an inadequate judgement at inspection. Ofsted took enforcement action and issued the childminder with a welfare requirements notice which required the provider to comply with the following actions:

ensure that the childminding arrangements meet the needs of all the children, to maintain their safety and ensure that they are adequately supervised (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Staff: Child ratios)

devise a clear and well-understood policy and procedure for assessing any risks to children's safety and review risk assessments regularly (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Risk assessment)

We also issued the childminder with a notice to improve asking the provider to:

ensure that a written record of any accidents or injuries is made promptly so details can be shared with parents so they are aware of what happened and the first aid treatment their child receives

(The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Health)

make sure that an accurate record of the children's hours of attendance each day is maintained

(The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Information and records)

promote equality of opportunity for children; devise a way of ensuring that every child receives sufficient attention and that the individual needs of all children are met (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Equal opportunities)

ensure that furniture and equipment used is suitable for the age and stage of development of the children, with particular regard to seating provided for children at mealtimes; also make sure that toys and play resources are easy for children to reach so that they can make choices in their play (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)

make sure that the behaviour management is appropriate; take account of the age and stage of children's development and help children develop an understanding of keeping safe (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Managing behaviour)

use observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences, and to ensure that children are provided with sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development (The Early Years Foundation Stage Learning and Development Requirements – Planning)

improve knowledge of how to help children to increase their communication and language skills as well as possible by talking aloud, describing what children are doing and encouraging them to comment on their play activities (The Early Years Foundation Stage Learning and Development Requirements – Education programmes)

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 completes the attendance register on the child's arrival with accurate times and departure times. The childminder is aware of the importance of accurate and up to date information to assist in emergencies and to safeguard children. Children safety is maintained and risk of harm minimised.

Children enjoy a safe environment where regular risk assessments ensure the safety of the children. The childminder supervises effectively ensuring that activities that may distract from her time with the children are designated to the end of the day or

weekends. The childminder demonstrated a good understanding of the importance of thorough supervision and careful planning for each child to ensure that children benefit and progress through their next stages of development. The childminder demonstrated how she organised her time to meet the needs of the children.

Children are encouraged to consider what they feel is acceptable behaviour within the childminders home. The childminder uses gentle reminders during the week and at the mealtimes safety messages are reinforced. Older children are encouraged to help younger children and the childminder will praise and encourage good behaviour. The childminder has set simple ground rules that support children's safety and enjoyment at the setting.

The childminder works closely with the parents of the children to ensure that their needs are met. Parents are encouraged to share any changes or observations of their child to increase the childminders understanding of each child. The children's profiles are thorough and indicate time taken to identify small details in the child's development e.g. increased mobility for young babies and developing vocabulary for preschool children.

Accident records are accurate and including action taken. The childminder includes the parents by providing a parents signature for each entry consequently parents are well informed. The childminder uses the accident records to risk assess her setting and make any adjustments that limit potential risk.

The childminder has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement, for which the due dates have passed. There will be a further monitoring visit to assess sustained improvement and to monitor those actions not yet assessed, due to having a longer timescale for completion.

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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