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

An Ofsted inspector, Lorraine Meldrum Sunter, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 20/09/2013. 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 22/07/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

The notice required you to develop a secure understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements for the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage; ensure that the maximum number of children being cared for at any one time does not exceed the legally required adult to child ratios so that children are safe and their needs are appropriately met; ensure that people who are intending to live or work on the childminding premises have their details notified to Ofsted so that the required suitability checks can be taken up, including a Disclosure and Barring Service check; take all reasonable steps to ensure that children cannot leave the premises unsupervised and that unauthorised people cannot enter the premises.

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**

A monitoring visit undertaken on 20 September 2013 found that overall progress made since the last inspection was satisfactory.

The childminder now continually reads through and refers to the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This has given her a better understanding and secure knowledge of the requirements and content. She has put in place more policies to support her work with the children. Visits from the Early Years' Team support officer have helped to increase the childminder's knowledge in the areas of learning and development.

The childminder is aware of relevant local authority courses now available for the Autumn term and will look for suitable courses to attend. She is also hoping to book two of her assistants on safeguarding training in October.

A register is now in place, which provides an overview of children's attendance. The exact times of children's arrival and departure are recorded daily. All assistants sign in daily in the visitors book, which overall shows the correct adult to child ratios are adhered to. The childminder is clear that she understands the correct ratios that must be applied.

The childminder now fully understands the information that must be notified to Ofsted in regard to assistants leaving or new assistants being employed. She understands the impact of Ofsted not being notified in particular, of new assistants working with the children. Relevant forms have been completed for those persons not yet checked and are currently being processed by Ofsted. The childminder knows, and is very aware that any person not checked cannot be left unsupervised with minded children. Through her risk assessment she has put suitable strategies in place.

The back gate, used by parents to access the premises, now has a secure padlock in place. When parents are due to collect their child, the childminder unlocks the padlock. However, she ensures the conservatory door is locked at this time, so that parents have to knock to gain entry to the house.

The next visit will be a further monitoring visit to ensure improvements are sustained and assess further improvements made.

### **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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