

Our Reference EY285367

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Nikki Whinton, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 11/12/2013. 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 05/11/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

We also sent you four notices to improve. The welfare requirements notice required you to:

demonstrate records are easily accessible and available, with particular reference to records of children's personal information, records of children's attendance and records of public liability insurance. The welfare requirements notice had a completion date of 10 December 2013.

The notices to improve with a completion date of 10 December 2013 required you to: keep records of the following and retain them for a period of two years: the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises, the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises and a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance; ensure there is a clear and well-understood policy and procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly, with particular reference to the family dog; undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks.

The notices to improve with a completion date of 5 February 2014 required you to: improve the use of observations and assessment and quality of teaching to consistently provide a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child.

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

An inspector visited you on 18 December 2013 to monitor your progress. The inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the action raised in the welfare requirements notice and notice to improve. The inspector checked the revised layout of your provision, observed interactions between yourself and the children and scrutinised your documentation.

The inspector found that you had reviewed and updated your risk assessments, including with reference to your dog, in order to effectively promote children's safety and well-being. Safety gates had been installed to separate your dog from the minded children. In addition, you informed the inspector that your dog is no longer permitted off the lead when on outings, if minded children were present. Legally required documentation, including records of children's personal information, children's attendance and records of public liability insurance were available and accessible for inspection.

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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