

Our Reference EY373430

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Langley, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 28/11/2013. 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 08/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This Welfare Requirement Notice required you to: ensure that any other person who is likely to have regular contact with children (including those living or working on the premises) are suitable to do so, Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements (EYFS) Suitable People, 3.9; ensure that people whose suitability has not been checked, including through the criminal records bureau, do not have unsupervised contact with children being cared for EYFS Suitable People 3.11; ensure that at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times, EYFS Staff qualifications, training support and skills, 3.24; ensure that you obtain parents and/or carers permission to leave children with an assistant, including for very short periods of time EYFS Staff: child ratios, Childminders 3.41; ensure that the adult: child ratio is maintained at all times, EYFS Staff: child ratios, Childminders 3.39; ensure that staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety. Make sure that children are adequately supervised and staff are deployed effectively to ensure children's needs are met, EYFS. Staff: child ratios 3.27. These actions were to be met by 25 November 2013.

You were also issued with a Notice to Improve which required you to: ensure that assistants have appropriate training, skills and knowledge and a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities in caring for children, EYFS Staff qualifications, training, support and skills 3.18; ensure that each child is assigned a key person to help ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, EYFS Staff qualifications, training, support and skills Key person 3.26; strengthen partnerships with all parents by encouraging them to be more involved in contributing towards their children's on-going learning within the provision, EYFS

Information for parents and carers 3.72; ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first aid qualification. (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) CR1.3; ensure that at least one person who is caring for children has an appropriate first aid qualification. (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)CR1.3; ensure that any person caring for, or in regular contact with, children is suitable to work with children which must include obtaining an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (compulsory part of the Childcare CR3; ensure that any person caring for, or in regular contact with, children is suitable to work with children which must include obtaining an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (voluntary part of the Childcare CR3; ensure that there are arrangements with other childcare providers or with parents for occasions on which the registered person is not able to provide childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)CR6.1 and ensure that there are arrangements with other childcare providers or with parents for occasions on which the registered person is not able to provide childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)CR6.1. These actions were also to be met by 25 November 2013.

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 monitoring visit on the 28 November 2013 we found that you have taken appropriate action to meet the Welfare Requirement Notice and the Notice to improve. You have organised the assistants that work with you to ensure that children are not left unsupervised with anyone who has not been vetted. The suitability of adults to work with children is checked and you make sure ratios are maintained at all times to keep children safe and sufficiently cared for. You have put in place a number of ways to communicate with your co-childminder and assistants, to make sure you continue to meet these requirements. For example, recording detailed information about children's individual needs to share with them, displaying who is responsible for the care of each child and what activities they will lead. During the visit the adults working with the children were observed moving around the different rooms and spaces with the children. They were therefore kept safe and had their individual needs met because you and your assistance were effectively deployed and focused on the individual children's needs.

You, your co-childminder and one assistant have a current paediatric first aid certificate. One assistant has yet to complete this training. Children are not left with an adult who does not have relevant training in this area so that their health is not compromised should they need first aid. Parental consent is sought and has been obtained for children to be left for short periods with assistants. Suitable contingency plans are in place for your co-childminder to provide childcare if you are not available to childmind for any reason and parents have agreed to this arrangement.

Parents contribute to their children's learning and development. They provide

valuable information at the outset about their children's starting points and comment on their children's achievements which help form planning for their next steps. Parents are encouraged to take part in activities and give written feedback about the provision to strengthen this partnership. You make sure that your co-childminder and assistants are aware of children's individual needs through discussion and children's records which include their registration details and learning journey's.

Children appeared happy and content during the visit in a warm and friendly environment. They joined in with songs with enthusiasm and enjoyed performing the actions to go with the words. Children made choices from a range of toys and resources. They have positive relationships with the adults present and each other, often supporting peers in play. Disputes were managed appropriately to encourage sharing and turn taking. As the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements are met, no further monitoring is required.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made satisfactory improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

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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