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

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Langley, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 02/12/2013. 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 17/06/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice was to be met by 22 August 2013 and required you to: make sure ratios are maintained at all times to ensure children's needs are met and to keep them safe (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements Staff: child ratios, Childminders 3.39); ensure that children are adequately supervised, to make sure they are within sight and hearing, and always within sight or hearing (Early Years Foundation Stage Staff: child ratios 3.27) and ensure risk assessments are reviewed regularly and implemented effectively in practice, that they identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and how the risk will be removed or minimised, (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Risk Assessment 3.63).

You were also sent a Notice to Improve. This required you to: improve the daily experience of children in the early years setting by updating training, skills and knowledge of early years foundation stage (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Staff qualifications, training, support and skills, 3.18); use information identified through observation and assessment in order to accurately plan the educational programme based on children's identified next steps in learning, so that they make good progress (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2); develop the two-way flow of information with other providers that children attend in parallel, in order to fully support children's learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2); take account of the individual needs, interests and stages of development of each child at the outset to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the

areas of learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development 2) and promote the good health of children attending, this refers with particular reference to ensuring that fresh drinking water is available and accessible to children at all times (Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Food and Drink, 3.45).

At the monitoring visit on 23 August 2013 the Welfare Requirement Notice had been met. Steps had been taken by you to meet the ratio requirements at all times by caring for no more than the maximum number of children permitted. Children were supervised as you or they moved around the house. Sleeping children were checked regularly. Risk assessments were completed and appropriate action taken to make the home safe: trailing wires have been made inaccessible and children are supervised at all times when they are drinking.

Fresh drinking water was available at any time. Children had their own cups which were kept within reach or they could use the water cooler. At that visit children enjoyed playing with connecting bricks or technology toys. You had a positive attitude to improvement and had been working with the Preschool Learning Alliance on behalf of the Local Authority, to update your knowledge and skills for the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, Learning and Development.

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 2 December 2013 further improvement has been made and the actions met. Children are provided with a range of interesting and challenging activities and play, based on their interests and the next step in their learning. As a result young children learn to be independent and to communicate and develop physical skills in a safe and enabling environment. There is a good range of stimulating toys and equipment which encourage exploration and imaginary play. At the visit children were happy and were skilfully using their hand and eye co-ordination for their age and ability to pass a ball backwards and forwards along the floor or move cars around. You supported them well and responded to their care needs to make them feel comfortable and secure.

You have an effective system in place to plan purposeful play and activities which are informed by the observations carried out, linking to children's next steps so that they make progress. Through discussion and sharing documentation you work with parents and other carers in partnership to support children's learning. Children are beginning to say words and you encouraged this by talking and listening to them and repeating their speech to reinforce it. You continue to improve your practice by working with the local authority and attending relevant training. 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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