

Our Reference 959719

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

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, 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 23/07/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure the safeguarding procedure which includes the appropriate use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting is implemented effectively (Child Protection); ensure the premises are safe and suitable for children and fit for purpose, with specific regard to the outdoor pool and display of inappropriate pictures on the first floor (Safety) and ensure you have a clear and well understood policy and procedures, for assessing any risk to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly with particular regard to the outdoor pool (Risk assessment).

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure records are easily accessible and available this is with particular regard to a first aid certificate for assistants who may have sole care of the children; ensure that assigned key person tailors children's care to meet their individual needs; ensure confidential information and records about children are held securely and only accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them; ensure that children are consistently provided with a balance of healthy and nutritious meals and snacks; ensure staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children to ensure their safety, and that they are adequately supervised to meet their needs and improve the planning of challenging and enjoyable learning experiences by taking into account individual needs, interests and stage of development for each child.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Childcare Register

Requirements asked you to: ensure that the premises used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare and undertake a risk assessment of the premises and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks.

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 second monitoring visit on 02 December 2013 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that all actions had been met and sustained.

The paddling pool is not currently used and is removed from the outdoor area, being stored in a secure shed. An inappropriate poster image remains removed from display in first floor bedroom. A written risk assessment policy is in place and recorded risk assessments are available for the premises and some activities. These include the use of the outdoor paddling pool, which was further reviewed and updated to reduce risk. Control measures include constant supervision by an adult. These aspects help to provide an appropriate and safe environment for children.

Any mobile phones are stored in a container away from children. The container has a printed sign that explains how mobile phones should be stored whilst on the premises. The childminder checks the use and storage of mobile phones at the initial stages of a visit by others. There is an information notice board displayed in the entrance hallway that includes various documentation, such as current paediatric first aid certificates. Record files are kept for children and these include learning journeys and personal details; documents are stored correctly and are available to relevant parents.

The childminder works with a co-childminder and children's care and learning are shared. Although the childminders work together as a team, there are clear arrangements for each childminder to be identified as a key person. This helps parents and children to form secure relationships with the childminder. The childminder has daily discussion with children's parents to support continuity for the child.

Children enjoy snacks that are healthy, selecting fruits such as banana, orange and apple, and then threading them to make a fruit stick to eat the fruit from. Meals are sometimes provided for children and these include a balanced range of foods such as meat and vegetable stews, pasta dishes and sausage casserole. Children have independent opportunities to make their own sandwiches and to choose fillings that include options such as cheese and ham.

There is a system in place for the planning of learning experiences for children, taking account of their individual interests and their stages of development. A

learning journey is completed by the childminder that includes written observations and photographic evidence of what children can do; this helps to identify their next steps. The childminder confirms that he meets with his co-childminder once a week to discuss and plan for children's activities. Children use opportunities for mark making; they show interest in books and actively engage with singing and action songs, which develop aspects of learning, such as subtraction by taking away by one at a time.

The childminder was noted to meet with the actions required and to sustain this improvement. The next visit will be a full inspection.

### **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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