

Our Reference 105197

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

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 16/12/2013. 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 19/08/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice required you to address the following:

manage children's behaviour in positive ways ensuring that physical intervention is used only when absolutely necessary to prevent serious harm and ensure discussions about behaviour are positive and supportive; ensure that all areas registered for childminding are safe for children's use; in particular relation to the garden, by removing hazardous items and securely blocking off areas which pose a threat to children; take steps to ensure that accidents are prevented by storing toys for children's easy reach in a way that is safe.

A notice to improve was also issued which required you to address the following:

ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for childcare (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); provide suitable support for children whose development causes concerns to ensure that they make satisfactory progress in all prime areas; especially in the area of communication and language; establish a two-way flow of information with parents to fully understand children's abilities and to plan suitably for their next steps in learning.

At the monitoring visit on 11 September 2013 you were able to demonstrate that you

have taken some action to meet these requirements. However, at the visit overall progress was inadequate and a further monitoring visit was to be undertaken.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you are making satisfactory improvement overall.

To further improve the early years provision the registered person should:

- implement each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. With particular regard to being clear about the purpose of the activity and linking it to the areas of learning and development.

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### **Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children**

A monitoring visit took place on 16 December 2013 and evidence gathered at this visit confirms that the you have made satisfactory progress. However, you require improvement specifically in the learning and development requirements.

You have made good progress to manage children's behaviour in a positive manner. You praise children to acknowledge they have done something well and this impacts positively on their self-esteem. You interact with the children in a calm and gentle manner. As a result, children mostly behave well. Any disputes between them are quickly and easily resolved because you effectively use distraction techniques to manage unwanted behaviour. Children are able to choose from a wide selection of toys that are within easy reach. You have made satisfactory progress in allowing children to explore their environment and no longer restrict their play. Children were observed to be happy and content in your care.

Children did not play in the garden during this visit due to the wet weather. However, you informed the inspector that the foam matting is used to make the raised drain safe and children have played in the garden since the previous monitoring visit.

Although you have made satisfactory progress to provide suitable support for children whose development causes concerns, and you are sharing children's learning journey with parents, there is still scope for you to extend children's learning. You do not fully understand the purpose of planned adult led activities and how the activity should link to promoting a child's next steps in learning. For example, you provided children with coloured pencils pre-printed pictures and plain paper as a planned activity. You were unable to explain to the inspector the purpose of the activity and which areas of learning you hoped to cover, such as physical development; learning to hold writing tools and expressive art and design; experimenting with colours and marks. Opportunities to extend children's language and to express their own ideas were missed, such as asking open ended questions about the picture. For example, asking the children why Santa needs to wear a hat.

You understand the importance of allowing children to play and explore without interruption and the children were able to engage in imaginary play. However, you sometimes miss opportunities to extend their play and learning by becoming involved in activities. Throughout the visit you continuously spoke to the children about what they were doing, sometimes encouraging them to recognise colours and to count. You promoted their language whilst reading stories and during role play.

An additional notice to improve has been issued which must be met by 07 February 2014 and will be monitored at the next visit.

### **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

Susan Gregory HMI  
National Director, Inspection Delivery

**For the attention of:** Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement Team.

### Reply slip

### ACTIONS

Please complete the box below to show what you have done in order to meet the action required:

Action Required	Action Taken	Date Completed
implement each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. With particular regard to being clear about the purpose of the activity and linking it to the areas of learning and development.		

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