

Our Reference 154010

Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Williamson, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 04/12/2013. 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.

that asked you to ensure that the required adult to child ratios are met at all times; and to ensure that the care, learning and development is planned in such a way that it meets the needs of all the children attending.

In addition you were sent a Notice to improve that asked you to

- ensure that people whose suitability has not been checked do not have unsupervised access to children,
- ensure that children are adequately supervised at all times,
- ensure that the premises are kept secure at all times,
- ensure that any care provided for older children does not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision,
- ensure that a child is unable to leave the premises without a person who is caring for children on those premises being aware of the child leaving
- ensure that a child is unable to leave the premises unsupervised except where the childcare is open access childcare, or where the child is aged eight or over and the parent of the child has agreed that they may leave the provision unaccompanied
- ensure that where older and younger children are together, the behaviour of children over the age of eight years does not have a negative effect on the younger children

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

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

You have reviewed your systems to register the attendance of the children and your

assistants. Your records clearly show you meet the required adult to child ratios, in particular at times when you are caring for more than 3 children in the early years age range, you demonstrate which children are siblings to fulfil the exemption rule. You have made good use of the support and advice from other agencies and as result you have met all the actions and are now compliant with the requirements of registration. You have installed an intruder alarm and this provides a clear audible signal to inform you of the presence of a person in your front garden, as a result you know if someone is approaching your house. The premises, including outdoor spaces, are secure. You have taken all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised persons entering the premises. The risk assessment takes into account the presence of the family pets, and identifies actions to be taken to reduce the risk of harm to the children.

You continue to ensure you do not allow unsupervised access to children by any person whose suitability has not been checked. You ensure you receive formal notification from Ofsted in respect of the suitability of any assistant you employ. Parental permission is sought in respect of assistants caring for children, and parents are aware their child may be left in the sole care of childminders' assistants for no more than 2 hours in a single day. You ensure your assistant is confident in dealing with safeguarding issues. During the visit you provided evidence to confirm assistants are adequately insured to use their own car to transport children.

You have reviewed the staff deployment and made changes to the planning of the day, as a result the needs of all children are met. During the visit the care provided for older children did not have an adverse effect on the care and education of younger children. The inspector observed good interaction between adults and children, as well as between older and younger children.

The inspector observed children were supervised at all times. As a result you demonstrate that the individual needs of all the children are being met, therefore the exception to the usual ratios can be made you are caring for sibling babies.

The observations recorded show you consider the individual needs, interests, and stage of development of each child in your care. The improvements made to the planning records show how you provide a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development. The inspector observed an appropriate mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made good 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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