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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Lorraine Meldrum Sunter, monitored your provision on 16/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 22/07/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

The notice required you to develop a secure understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements for the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage; ensure that the maximum number of children being cared for at any one time does not exceed the legally required adult to child ratios so that children are safe and their needs are appropriately met; ensure that people who are intending to live or work on the childminding premises have their details notified to Ofsted so that the required suitability checks can be taken up, including a Disclosure and Barring Service check; take all reasonable steps to ensure that children cannot leave the premises unsupervised and that unauthorised people cannot enter the premises.

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

A further monitoring visit undertaken on 16 January 2014 found that overall progress made since the last inspection was good.

The childminder has developed her understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage(EYFS) through reading the document and discussing the content with her Early Years adviser. She is now more confident in referring to EYFS to support her practice.

Through attending a recent child protection course, the childminder has updated her knowledge of safeguarding children.

Visits from the Early Years adviser have been valued by the childminder in improving her practice.

The childminder plans weekly activities for the children, identifying individual learning

needs inline with the areas of learning and development. Observations and assessments are completed to assess developmental needs for each child and to plan the next steps in their learning. The childminder completes a yearly progress report for each child and discusses this with the parent.

Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's learning through daily discussion and providing details about activities their child is interested in at home. The childminder tries to incorporate any such interests in her activities.

The childminder's system for recording children's and her assistants attendance continues to work well, showing that correct adult to child ratios are complied with.

The details of all relevant persons have been notified to Ofsted and suitability checks completed. The childminder fully understands her responsibility to notify Ofsted of changes to persons either working with the children or living on the premises.

Suitable measures remain in place to ensure the premises are secure.

The next visit will be a full inspection.

Next steps

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If you have any further queries please contact us on the number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Fitzjohn
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