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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, monitored your provision on 14/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 01/07/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirement notice required you to address the following:

notify Ofsted of any change in the address of the premises, which may affect the space available to children and the quality of childcare available to them; keep a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and the names of each child's key person; obtain parents' and/or carers' permission to leave children with an assistant, including for very short periods of time.

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

ensure any care provided for older children does not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision; improve the educational programme for physical development, by helping children learn about health and self-care skills by teaching children about the importance of hygiene and hand washing routines and by challenging children's physical abilities through the activities and resources provided; improve the educational programme for communication and language by offering children opportunities to extend their vocabulary by carefully questioning them and using language with children to extend their learning; develop knowledge of the learning and development requirements in order to ensure that every child's learning and care is tailored to meet their individual needs and challenge children to reach the next steps in learning across all areas, particularly mathematical development. Seek to engage and support parents in guiding their child's development at home; improve knowledge of assessment and use observations to understand children's levels of achievements, interests and learning styles and use this information to review children's progress between the ages of two and three years and provide parents with a short written summary of their child's development;

reflect on practice and identify strengths and key areas of development that will improve the quality of the provision for all children; make sure the premises and equipment are organised in a way that meets the children's needs, particularly in making sure children have plenty of space to move around freely and to choose the toys they wish to play with; make sure staff understand their roles and responsibilities and that they have opportunities for training and development, to improve their knowledge of the welfare, and learning and development requirements; obtain consent from parents for children to be left with a childminding assistant for periods of no more than two hours per day (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); keep a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and the names of each child's key person (Voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register); keep a record of the name, home address, and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and the name and home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (Voluntary and compulsory part of the Childcare Register); inform Ofsted of a change to the address of the premises where they are providing childcare (Voluntary compulsory part of the Childcare Register)

At the monitoring visit on 14 October 2013, you were able to demonstrate that you have taken some action to meet these requirements. Overall progress was satisfactory 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 good improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

A monitoring visit took place on 14 January 2014.

Satisfactory progress has been made to ensure any care provided for older children does not adversely affect the care of children receiving early years provision. You care for up to 15 children at any one time and are aware that over-crowding will impact on the quality of care provided. You informed the inspector that older children can play in a bedroom if more space is required. You have made better use of the space available because you have provided more resources and activities in the lounge as well as the playroom.

You have made good progress to improve the educational programme for physical development. Children are able to use resources in the garden to promote their physical development. They use soft balls indoors to practise throwing and catching. They enjoy activities such as throwing balls into a container and using scissors to cut around their drawings. You plan activities to encourage children to join in with action rhymes. They eagerly join in and listen attentively to the instructions. They laugh with delight as they blow bubbles and sing the 'bubble song'.

Good progress has been made to improve the educational programme for communication and language. You talk to the children about what they are doing and ask open questions to extend their learning. You and your assistants demonstrate a better understanding of individual children's stage of development

and ability. Children access a range of resources that promote their development. You have introduced some role play resources to encourage their imaginary play. Activities are planned to promote individual children's development. You ensure every child feels secure and valued in your setting by meeting their needs in a kind and gentle manner.

Satisfactory progress has been made to identify strengths and key areas of development that will improve the quality of the provision for all children. You have begun to complete a self evaluation document that highlights areas of development.

Next steps

The next step will be a full inspection.

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

Yours sincerely

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