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Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ruth Howard, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 17/12/2013. 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 15/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice required you to: ensure that the indoor space requirements are met to promote children's enjoyment and free movement; ensure that the equipment is organised to meet the needs of the children so that children have appropriate access to suitable toys and resources to support their learning and development; ensure that an appropriate behaviour management policy is implemented and that expert advice is accessed if necessary to manage children's behaviour and support children in understanding right and wrong and to ensure that a daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained to safeguard children.

In addition a notice of action to improve was raised that required you to: ensure that when working alone or with another childminder each childminder is only responsible for a maximum of 3 young children to promote children's safety and well-being; ensure that information is supplied to Ofsted relating to people who work on the premises to enable appropriate checks to be undertaken before they work unsupervised with children to ensure children's safety; ensure that parents and/or carers are kept up-to-date with their child's progress and development to promote consistency of support and to ensure that any learning and development needs are addressed in partnership with parents and/or carers and any relevant professionals to enable appropriate support for children.

As a result of a visit on 17 December 2013 the inspector concludes that overall progress made by the provider is satisfactory.

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

The provider has removed some large pieces of furniture resulting in an appropriate space for children to enjoy and move around comfortably in. Children are also able to use suitable space in the kitchen for crafts and messy play and there is an additional room available suitably furnished for quiet play or story time. In addition the provider has reviewed the storage of toys and equipment resulting in children being able to self select.

There is an appropriate behaviour management policy in place and the provider is able to talk about suitable behaviour management strategies for children of different ages. She is knowledgeable about the children in her care and the strategies that work for them as individuals. The provider has accessed help and support from the Early Years development officer and is working positively with them.

Records of the children being cared for and their hours of attendance is completed and fully maintained. This demonstrates that appropriate numbers of children are cared for at any one time. Ofsted has all required information to enable appropriate checks to be made on the suitability of those working with the children.

There are good systems of communication in place with parents and daily feedback is given and the provider works with parents to ensure children get the support they need for their development.

Through discussion with the provider and supporting documentation seen at this monitoring visit the inspector concludes that the provider has made satisfactory progress in meeting the issues raised in the welfare requirement notice and in the notice of action to improve.

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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