

Ofsted
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Telephone: 0300 123 1231
Fax: 0300 123 3159
Minicom: 0161 618 8524
Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
Web: www.ofsted.gov.uk

Our Reference EY406932

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julia Crowley, monitored your provision on 02/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 19/09/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

This notice required you to:

ensure that the childminding arrangements meet the needs of all the children, to maintain their safety and ensure that they are adequately supervised (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Staff: Child ratios)

devise a clear and well-understood policy and procedure for assessing any risks to children's safety and review risk assessments regularly (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Risk assessment)

We also issued you with a notice to improve asking you to:

ensure that a written record of any accidents or injuries is made promptly so details can be shared with parents so they are aware of what happened and the first aid treatment their child receives
(The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Health)

make sure that an accurate record of the children's hours of attendance each day is maintained
(The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Information and records)

promote equality of opportunity for children; devise a way of ensuring that every child receives sufficient attention and that the individual needs of all children are met
(The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements

– Equal opportunities)

ensure that furniture and equipment used is suitable for the age and stage of development of the children, with particular regard to seating provided for children at mealtimes; also make sure that toys and play resources are easy for children to reach so that they can make choices in their play (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)

make sure that the behaviour management is appropriate; take account of the age and stage of children's development and help children develop an understanding of keeping safe (The Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and General Welfare Requirements – Managing behaviour)

use observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences, and to ensure that children are provided with sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development (The Early Years Foundation Stage Learning and Development Requirements – Planning)

improve knowledge of how to help children to increase their communication and language skills as well as possible by talking aloud, describing what children are doing and encouraging them to comment on their play activities (The Early Years Foundation Stage Learning and Development Requirements – Education programmes).

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

At the monitoring visit of 04 November 2013 you had made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement, for which the due dates have passed. A further monitoring visit was required to assess sustained improvement and to monitor those actions not yet assessed, due to having a longer timescale for completion.

On the 02 January 2014 a further monitoring visit took place, compliance with regard to the notice was discussed and observed. The outcome of the monitoring visit found that you had met the notice to improve in regard to using observation and assessment of children in order to effectively plan and shape learning experiences. Also to ensure that children are provided with sufficient accessible resources to promote future learning and development and to improve knowledge of how to help children to increase their communication and language skills as well as possible.

A system to observe, assess and plan for children's individual interests and needs is established. Progress has been made with regard to undertaking sensitive observations in relation to children's learning and development experience. This includes observations which contain evaluation and are completed under all areas of learning.

You have demonstrated sound knowledge and understanding of the systems in place to observe, assess and plan for children's individual interests and needs. This has been implemented effectively and thoroughly, resulting in comprehensive records for each child attending. Observations are being carried out consistently under all areas of learning for each child. You have ensured that information is gathered from parents and children to enable you to incorporate their interests into planned activities and your range of play resources. This means you are able to share the progress and next steps in learning with parents more accurately and comprehensively.

Children and their families have benefited from the sustained progress you have made. This includes effective risk assessments that continue to provide a safe and conducive environment for children to develop and learn. In addition, children's independence is encouraged and supported through allowing the children to decision make for themselves and independently supports their learning for example, choosing fresh fruits at snack time and considering what activity they would like to try. All record systems are up to date and accurate which supports children's safety and ensures parents are well informed.

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

Lorna Fitzjohn
National Director