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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Sarah Street, monitored your provision on 05/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 05/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed your interaction with the children and spoke to your local authority development worker on the telephone. The inspector reviewed your risk assessments, attendance registers, action plan and assessment systems. She also observed the safety of the premises.

The inspector found that you have developed a clear action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and that you have quickly implemented these plans.

The inspector found that the premises are secure as you have placed a chain on the front door and hazardous items are out of children's reach. You closely supervise the children and they play in a safe environment. You have reviewed your risk assessments to ensure they include every area of the home. By involving the children in these assessments, you have identified areas where items can be placed out of their reach. You regularly review these as you are aware that children grow quickly. As a result children's safety is prioritised and they are cared for in a safe environment. You are now recording children's attendance more accurately which contributes to ensuring children are safe in your care.

You have devised a new system to seek information from parents when a child first starts with you. This includes information about their likes, achievements and where they may need additional support. The detail in this will help you to have better knowledge about children's starting points and to plan activities which build on what they already know and can do.

You have actively welcomed support from your local authority development worker

who reported to the inspector that you have taken effective action, reviewed your practice and are very committed to improvement.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

The next step 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

Lorna Fitzjohn
National Director