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Our Reference EY300362

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Janet Singleton, 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 12/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

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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 both you and your assistant's interaction with the children and had a discussion with yourself. The inspector was unable to speak with a representative from the local authority as she was unable to attend. She looked at your observation and assessment records, the progress check at age two and your first aid certificate for you and your assistant. The inspector also looked at your learning journals and the information received from the other setting that children attend.

The inspector found that you and your assistant, have obtained an appropriate first aid certificate, therefore children are safeguarded because you are better qualified to attend to them should they require first aid treatment.

You have welcomed support from the local authority and have sought training to help you with the delivery of the learning and development requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Consequently, the educational programmes for children are to be better addressed and improved. Additionally, you are now using this opportunity to implement strategies to review and monitor the educational programmes for all children to improve your provision.

The inspector found you have created an open forum with parents to discuss their child's health needs and to promote a culture of healthy eating. While children are with you, you ensure they have a healthy, nutritious snack that includes yoghurt and fresh fruit. You now monitor children's lunch boxes to ensure they are healthy and nutritious, in order to promote children's overall health and well-being. You also

discussed the arrangement for hand washing being that children use the bathroom and are supported in washing and drying their hands, and attending to their hygiene needs to ensure their good health is promoted.

You have been pro-active in seeking information pertaining to the educational programmes and have introduced learning journals for all children. This means you are now observing and assessing children's development, however, you also recognise this is in its infancy. That said, this means children's needs are much better attended to and their next steps in their learning more clearly identified in order for you to plan more effectively to meet their individual needs.

For those children aged between two and three years, you have now successfully implemented their progress check at age two. This means that any identified gaps in their development can be monitored and addressed through any necessary early intervention. This check is shared with parents to ensure a consistent approach is maintained. Additionally, it means you are now fully aware of the prime areas of learning in order to plan more effectively for younger children's needs.

You have successfully made links with other settings that children attend. Information regarding the children's development is now shared. Parents are involved in this resulting in a more cohesive approach to the children's learning and development needs. Consequently, learning is complemented and consistent activities are provided to support children's progress.

The inspector observed sufficient resources and equipment for the children attending. She also discussed with you the children's future needs and you explained, that as the children are currently unable to sit unsupported, you did not feel the need to implement the small sized furniture as yet. That said, for older children attending, the dining room table is used and you confirmed this is fully appropriate.

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.

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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, Childminding

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
improve strategies to review, monitor and improve the educational programmes, in relation to the prime areas of learning, by ensuring they consistently have sufficient depth, breadth and challenge, and reflect the needs, aptitudes and interest of children	05/02/2014	05/02/2014
seek to complement learning in settings in which children spend more time and be guided by the information obtained from other Early Years Foundation Stage providers, to ensure a range of sufficiently challenging activities are provided to promote the learning and development requirements.	05/02/2014	05/02/2014
ensure an appropriate paediatric first aid qualification is obtained	05/02/2014	05/02/2014
record and act on information from parents about children's special health and dietary requirements and improve care practices at meal times, to ensure children are provided with healthy, balanced and nutritious food in partnership with parents	05/02/2014	05/02/2014
develop procedures to implement the progress check at age two in partnership with parents, and discuss with parents how the summary of development can be used to support learning at home	05/02/2014	05/02/2014