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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Anne Barnsley, monitored your provision on 07/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 11/11/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

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 you working with the children and viewed the resources you provide and the activities available to children. The inspector had a tour of the premises to see how you organise space to enable children to enjoy playing with their resources and to promote their freedom of movement. She looked at your attendance records and the progress checks you have completed for children aged between two and three years. She also looked at, and discussed with you, how you complete observations and assessments of children and use this information to inform the way in which you plan for children's individual needs to help them make progress in their learning and development. The inspector discussed with you how you now exchange information between yourself and parents to ensure that you are able to take account of children's changing and developing needs. She discussed with you how you ensure that children have daily outdoor activities and experiences. She also looked at your plan of improvement and spoke to a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have developed a comprehensive plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and that you have worked closely, and consistently, with the local authority to make improvements. This includes work that will help you develop your own reflective practice and self-evaluation to enable you to identify and raise your own targets for driving improvement in the future.

Since your inspection, you have started to mind alone and at a different premises. This has enabled you to provide more space for children to use and for you to provide a wider range of accessible resources so that children can direct their own

play through their own choices. You now ensure that you maintain the correct adult to child ratio and you keep accurate attendance records to demonstrate this. At this current premises you are able to provide children with daily outdoor play. You recognise that children must go outdoors each day for their health and well-being, in addition to promoting their learning and development. At this current premises there are some limitations for children to participate in activities that promote their understanding of nature. You have taken proactive measures to address this and regularly take children on nature walks, to the park and to a petting farm where they can interact with animals and ride on tractors. You are soon moving again to a larger premises with a garden that provides children with the opportunity to participate in growing activities and opportunities to learn about nature.

You have improved your knowledge of how to use observation and assessment to promote each child's individual next steps and interests. You have completed a language course to help support children with language delay. You have developed effective partnerships with parents and the nursery for children who need support with their language development. Further to this, you have improved the way in which you exchange information between yourself and parents to better enable you to support children's changing and developing needs.

You now use observation and assessment more consistently to inform planning and to help you provide a balance of adult-led and child-led activities. You have gained an improved understanding of how to engage with children to make their learning more purposeful and you have booked yourself on a course about children's next steps in learning. This will help you to develop your knowledge and skills further about how to progress children in all areas of learning. You are also booked to do a behaviour management course, which will help to develop your knowledge and skills in this regard.

You demonstrate that you complete the progress check for all children between the age of two and three years and how you involve parents in this. You have improved your organisation of completing this check by undertaking it in a more timely manner.

Further to these improvements, you have also addressed the action that was raised on the compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register. You have notified Ofsted of your change of address and display the new certificate of registration with the address of where you now childmind. Soon you are moving again to another premises and you have been proactive in notifying Ofsted in advance of this next move.

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, Childminding

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that when working alone or with another childminder, each childminder is only responsible for a maximum of three young children to promote children's safety and well-being	25/11/2013	07/02/2014
ensure that the premises are organised to meet the needs of children, with particular regard to the indoor space requirements to promote children's enjoyment and free movement	25/11/2013	07/02/2014
ensure that the organisation of the premises provides a suitable range of age appropriate toys and resources to promote children's enjoyment and achievement	25/11/2013	07/02/2014
ensure that children are given daily opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities to promote their physical development and good health	25/11/2013	07/02/2014
ensure that accurate information is obtained and shared on a regular basis with parents and carers to consistently support their child's learning and development	11/02/2014	07/02/2014
ensure that observations and assessment are used to shape learning experiences for each child and plan appropriate support where required, so that they make good progress	11/02/2014	07/02/2014
ensure that the planning of activities provides a balance of adult-led and child-initiated play, provides appropriate challenge and support and gives sufficient attention to all of the areas of learning	11/02/2014	07/02/2014
ensure that the progress check at age two is completed between the ages of two and three years, in time to inform the Healthy Child Programme health and development review at age two whenever possible and accurately reflects where additional support might be needed.	11/02/2014	07/02/2014

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ensure that Ofsted are informed of a change to the address of the premises where childcare is being provided from (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) 25/11/2014 07/02/2014

ensure that Ofsted are informed of a change to the address of the premises where childcare is being provided from (voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 25/11/2013 07/02/2014