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Our Reference 313451

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Josephine Northend, monitored your provision on 17/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 26/11/2013, 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 and activities available to the children. She had a discussion with yourself and a parent. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority. She looked at your planning and assessment records. The inspector also looked at your risk assessments and your self-evaluation.

The inspector found that you have taken action to address the actions raised at your last inspection. You have introduced a system to observe children and use this information to assess their progress and plan for the next steps in their learning. You are using guidance to match your observations to the areas of learning and the expected development bands. This has improved your understanding in how to plan for children's learning.

The inspector found that you are recording children's attendance on a daily basis and this shows that you are working within the required ratios. The children's behaviour during the visit was very good and you demonstrated appropriate understanding of how to manage any difficult behaviour. This has had a positive impact on how children engage in activities.

The inspector found that your risk assessments have been developed to identify all possible hazards and appropriate actions have been taken to remove or minimize risks. You demonstrate some increased knowledge of how to risk assess. This means children's safety is promoted more effectively.

You have introduced systems to improve children's hygiene practices, particularly in

relation to hand washing. You have made sufficient progress for the majority of children who demonstrate awareness of the procedures in place, however this is not consistently implemented as older children do not always wash their hands before eating. The progress made needs to be strengthened to consistently promote the good health of all children.

A local authority representative contacted you following your inspection. You have a meeting arranged with them in the near future to help you continue to improve the quality of your service.

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
improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in order to use observations to develop precise assessments to understand children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles. Use these to shape learning experiences across the seven areas of learning so that children make good progress	17/02/2014	17/02/2014
improve knowledge of behaviour management in order to possess the necessary skills to help children to learn appropriate behaviour	17/02/2014	17/02/2014
ensure that ratios are adhered to at all times in order to ensure that the individual needs of all children are met	17/02/2014	17/02/2014
promote the good health of children by ensuring appropriate hygiene procedures are observed particularly in relation to washing hands	17/02/2014	17/02/2014
ensure thorough risk assessments identify all possible hazards and appropriate actions are taken to remove or minimize the risk	17/02/2014	17/02/2014