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## **Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Kamaljit Kaur Jandu / Johanna Holt, monitored your provision on 12/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 24/07/2013, we sent you a notice to improve.

The notice of action to improve asked you to: ensure there is a regular two-way flow of information with other early years settings that children attend in order to find out about and support continuity in learning and development.

The additional action that you were required to take to improve related to the learning and development aspects of care for children. We asked you to: ensure that parents are provided with a short written summary of their child's development in the prime areas when they are aged between two and three years, identifying the child's strengths and any areas where their progress is less than expected; gain sufficient knowledge of the learning and development requirements in order to provide appropriate learning experiences for children and use information from observations and assessments more accurately to clearly identify the next steps in children's learning so every child makes suitable progress.

A monitoring visit took place on 25 September 2013. The provider had not yet fully met the actions raised at inspection and further concerns were observed. The provider had identified risks to children from building materials that were on the driveway to the premises but had taken no action to remove or minimise this risk. In addition, emergency evacuation of the premises was restricted because a pushchair was stored in the hallway. This meant that children's safety was compromised. A Welfare Requirements Notice was issued asking the provider to: take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency, with specific reference to ensuring emergency evacuation routes are clear and free from obstruction at all times that children are on the premises, and to ensure that the premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose by undertaking regular risk assessments and taking action to remove or minimise any risks identified, with specific reference to the building materials on the

driveway. A further monitoring visit was scheduled for within three months.

A further monitoring visit took place on 5 November 2013. Overall the provider had made inadequate progress in addressing the points for improvement. This visit has raised serious concerns about the standard of learning and development. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

A third monitoring visit took place on 12 February 2014. The provider has now fully met the notice of actions to improve that was issued following her last inspection, and the welfare requirements notice. She remains in contact with the reception class teacher at the school that children attend to discuss the activities that children engage in, and she now utilised this information to help children continue to make progress in her setting. Activities planned help children make satisfactory progress as the provider has taken steps to develop her knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage, and is now more able to implement this effectively. Observations and assessments are now in place for all children to support them to make progress. Observations are evaluated and next steps are identified for children. The provider has developed her knowledge and understanding of what to include in the progress check between the ages of two years and three years, and is now clear about the reasons why this check is important. Although there are no children currently attending within this age range, the provider understands that the check must be completed if they do attend, in order to assess their development in detail and identify next steps or any specific needs that children may have.

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

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