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Our Reference EY366409

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Lorraine Anne Lawton, monitored your provision on 07/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 26/07/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The notice of action to improve on the early years register and compulsory and voluntary part of the childcare register required you to: put in place effective systems to ensure that those working with, or likely to have regular contact with children, including those living or working on the premises are suitable; observe and assess each child's progress across all seven areas of learning taking into account their stage of development and use this information to identify the next steps in their learning; improve knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements to effectively plan for children's development and progress.

From evidence gathered at the monitoring visit on 7 October 2013, the inspector was satisfied that you had taken steps to meet the notice to improve relating to the learning and development requirements. However, the steps taken to meet the notice to improve relating to the suitability of household members was insufficient because of failure to fully complete the Disclosure and Barring Services check. As a result Ofsted was unable to determine the suitability of persons living on the premises. Consequently, the inspector concluded that you were making inadequate improvement overall and issued you with an additional notice to improve. However from evidence gathered at the monitoring visit on 7 January 2014, the inspector is satisfied that you have met the action as you were able to demonstrate that the DBS check was in progress.

At the previous monitoring visit on 7 October 2013 and this visit on 7 January 2014, there were no minded children present however the regulatory inspector found, through discussion and documentation, that you have taken action to address the learning and development requirements. You have improved your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements by reading relevant

materials including the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and by seeking external advice which remains on-going.

You were not only able to identify the areas of learning but could identify the prime and specific areas of learning and knew about the requirements for the two year old progress check. You articulate a good understanding of how children learn through enjoyment and adult interaction that effectively supports learning. You have improved your system of observation and assessment to capture as much information as possible about a child's progress and plan for their next steps. In particular, you articulate how you will support children in their communication and language development through an acquired knowledge and you recognise that children's understanding is an essential part of their language development. You articulate an understanding of effective teaching, in that children are sensitive to adult's comments and that it is important to build their confidence to encourage them to learn. You have identified improvement of the system to capture more information from parents, when a child starts your setting and to enlist the support of parents to engage with other settings that a child attends. Children have opportunities to take fresh air and exercise in the front garden and by visits to local facilities however opportunities are limited due to it's size and limited equipment. Consequently, you intend to make the rear area safe to offer children a varied outdoor experience to support their physical development. You show an understanding of the need for self-evaluation and how this can address weaknesses and inform continuous improvement and this is in progress.

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 Ofsted's request for a household member to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check is completed.	29/11/2013	28/02/2014