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Our Reference EY307808

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

An Ofsted inspector, Julie Morrison, monitored your provision on 18/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 21/11/2013, 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 spoke with you about how you had improved your understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She also looked at your observations of children's learning and discussed how you plan and assess children's progress. The inspector looked at the space you use when caring for children and discussed with you the procedures you have implemented to ensure that possible hazards had been identified and minimised. She also discussed with you the procedures you have put in place to share information with other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The inspector checked your documentation regarding the suitability of persons living on your premises over the age of 16 years. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have satisfactorily addressed the welfare requirements with regard to carrying out suitability checks on all persons aged 16 living on the premises. The inspector found that with the help of the representative from the local authority you have developed a clear plan of action to address the actions raised at the previous inspection. You are beginning to improve your understanding of the learning and development requirements through discussion with your local authority representative, reading relevant documentation and sharing ideas with other childminders. As a result, you are now carrying out observations of children's learning which you are linking to the areas of learning and using to begin to assess the progress children are making. In addition, you are adequately identifying children's next steps in learning. During the monitoring visit there were no children in the early years age range present to enable the inspector to observe how you used this information to support children's learning. However, you explained that you have

used the observations to identify gaps in your educational programme and in children's learning. However, these are very much in their infancy and as yet, you are not using children's next steps effectively to inform your future planning.

You have carried out visual risk assessments on your home and you are combining this with daily checks of the space prior to children arriving to identify and remove any hazards. This helps you to ensure that children are kept safe in your care. You explained that you have started to improve the organisation of your resources so that they do not pose a hazard to children, for example, resources are no longer stacked as high. This was observed during the inspection and was supported through discussion with the representative from the local authority. However, you recognise that there is still a lot of work to be done to fully organise your space to ensure that hazards remain minimised for children and so that children have sufficient space to move around freely and make independent choices about their play.

The inspector found that you are forging links with the local nursery to support continuity of learning for children who attend more than one setting. You have obtained some information about planning from the local nursery but as yet, have not shared information about children's individual progress. However, you have met very recently with the head teacher from the nursery to discuss and agree the sharing of information between yourself, parents and the nursery.

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	18/02/2014	18/02/2014
ensure thorough risk assessments are carried out to make sure that all possible hazards are identified and appropriate actions taken to remove or minimise the risk	18/02/2014	18/02/2014
improve links with other providers, including local schools, to ensure that children benefit from a shared understanding and common approach to support their progress in learning.	18/02/2014	18/02/2014