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Our Reference 161771

Monitoring for provision judged as satisfactory

An Ofsted inspector, Sarah Haylett, monitored your provision on 24/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be satisfactory.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 28/11/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirements notice required you to improve children's safety by assessing and minimising all risks to children; this relates especially to making sure children are not left unattended when feeding with a bottle, and ensuring young children are not at risk from falling downstairs and to improve the standard of hygiene in the home; this relates specifically to making sure the floor is kept clean to enable children to play freely without risk to their health.

It is an offence to fail to meet the requirements of a welfare requirements notice.

A notice to improve was also issued that asked to you take the following actions to meet the requirements of registration:

maintain an accurate record of the hours of children's attendance;

keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register);

obtain written parental permission to take children on outings;

consider each child's needs and interests and use this information to plan age appropriate activities in all areas of their learning and development;

improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage to provide challenging and enjoyable experiences for all children across all areas of learning and development;

ensure that regular assessment is used to identify children's current stages of

learning and development, and use this information to guide children's development through planned, purposeful play;

develop a secure system for monitoring and evaluating all aspects of the provision to identify any weaknesses to foster a culture of continuous improvement to promote the interests of children;

record and keep the following information for each child cared for:
full name; date of birth; name and address of every parent and/or carer who is known to the provider (and information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child); which parent(s) and/or carer(s) the child normally lives with; and emergency contact details for parents and/or carers.

At the monitoring visit completed on 24 February 2014 you had taken prompt and effective action.

You had received support from the Early Years team and you had completed reading in relation to supporting children's development needs. You had completed observations for each child in the Early Years age range and you had used these observations to identify their next steps. You had planned activities to support the children in meeting these next steps and you plan to review their progress each month. You were supporting one child in developing their speech. During the visit you encouraged a child to say thank you and provided lots of praise when they spoke. Your records and observations show a recent learning goal was for the child to use the names of other minded children and they were recently observed to use one of the other children's names. Your planning demonstrated activities are planned in all the areas of learning. The child present during the visit on 24 February 2014 was actively engaged in play and appeared to feel secure and happy in your care.

You have reviewed and updated your risk assessment and this includes daily check lists. The daily check lists include prompts to ensure the floors are vacuumed and mopped each day and that your pets' bowls are not accessible to minded children. A table is placed in front of the bird cage to stop children playing where the bird is likely to scatter seed on the floor and you have play mats for children to play on in that room. A stair gate is in place when younger children are present to prevent them going upstairs. You confirmed that you will ensure young children cannot access their bottles if you need to briefly leave the room while they are feeding.

You have all the required information for each child in your care, including the child's full name; date of birth; name and address of every parent and/or carer who is known to the provider (and information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child); which parent(s) and/or carer(s) the child normally lives with; and emergency contact details for parents and/or carers. You also have written consent to take each child on outings. You are maintaining records of children's hours of attendance and these are available for inspection.

You have completed a self evaluation and plan to review this every six months.

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
WELFARE REQUIREMENTS NOTICE ISSUED improve children's safety by assessing and minimising all risks to children; this relates especially to making sure children are not left unattended when feeding with a bottle, and ensuring young children are not at risk from falling downstairs	17/01/2014	24/02/2014
WELFARE REQUIREMENTS NOTICE ISSUED improve the standard of hygiene in the home; this relates specifically to making sure the floor is kept clean to enable children to play freely without risk to their health	17/01/2014	24/02/2014