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Monitoring for provision judged as good

An Ofsted inspector, Elizabeth Juon, monitored your provision on 10/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be good.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 02/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

In order to meet requirements relating to 'Staff: child ratios', 'Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment' and 'Information and records', you were required to deploy adults effectively to meet children's needs, update risk assessments and maintain the daily record of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.

In addition, you were issued with a notice to improve which required you to address actions relating to, 'Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment'; 'Equal opportunities'; 'Health'; and the areas of 'Learning and development' and 'Assessment'.

The notice to improve asked you to ensure that premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment and toys, must be safe for children to use and premises and equipment must be clean; implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in your care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities; ensure fresh drinking water is available and accessible at all times; and update your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of observation, planning and assessment to meet children's individual needs.

At the monitoring visit on 10 February 2014, we found that satisfactory progress had been made in relation to meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) safeguarding and welfare requirements. The provider has demonstrated a satisfactory capacity for improvement and a willingness to make changes to help ensure children's safety and wellbeing.

The welfare requirements have been met as the provider is ensuring ratios are

correct and the adults in the setting support children's individual needs. The risk assessments have been reviewed to ensure children's safety in the setting and a record of children's attendance is being completed on a daily basis. These measures help to ensure children's safety and welfare in the setting.

The actions set in the notice to improve have also been met in the prescribed timescale, with the exception of the learning and development actions which were given more time for improvement. The provider has a clean and tidy setting with suitable, age appropriate furniture and resources for the children. There is drinking water available to ensure children remain hydrated. The provider is committed to promote equality of opportunity for all children and has a written policy and procedure in place. The provider intends to access training, advice and support from the local authority Early Years advisor, on the EYFS learning and development requirements to update her knowledge and understanding of the EYFS requirements to underpin future working practice and ensure children make progress in their development whilst in the setting.

We will assess the improvements made to the providers understanding of learning and development and planning of the educational programme at the next monitoring visit to ensure children's individual learning and development needs are met; and to ensure the improvements made can be sustained.

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 further monitoring.

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
demonstrate how staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety, you must ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy assistants to ensure children's needs are met	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
ensure there are clear and well understood procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly and take action to minimise risks to children's safety.	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
maintain records and obtain and share information with parents and carers, other professionals working with the child to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting, and to help ensure the needs of all children are met.	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
keep a written daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and the names of each child's key person	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
ensure that premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment and toys, must be safe for children to use and premises and equipment must be clean (Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in your care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (Equal opportunities)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
ensure fresh drinking water is available and accessible at all times (Health)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment: at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment -compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014

The registered person must ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment - compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Records to be kept - compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	07/02/2014	17/02/2014
update knowledge of the learning and development requirements in order to consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child, and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning and development (Learning and development)	21/02/2014	17/02/2014
improve the educational programmes in each area of learning through helping children become active learners, by giving children greater independence and freedom of choice in their learning (Learning and development)	21/02/2014	17/02/2014