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Our Reference EY382139

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

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, monitored your provision on 07/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 21/01/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that all medicines (both prescription and non-prescription) are only administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer and ensure information in place for each child being cared for includes information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that risk assessments are completed to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and how the risk will be removed or minimised; with particular regard to hazardous items in kitchen and bathroom cupboards and cat food bowls; ensure children's learning is fully supported and complemented by improving the arrangements to share information about children's progress and achievements with parents and other settings children attend; and ensure the quality of teaching is consistently good by using observations of what children can do to effectively monitor their progress, in order to plan and provide consistently good levels of challenge in all experiences and activities.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Compulsory and Voluntary parts of the Childcare Register Requirements asked you to: ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks.

At the first monitoring visit on 7 March 2014 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be completed by 6 March 2014 had been met.

The childminder has written consent from parents for particular medication to be administered and keeps a records of the administration. Children's welfare is safeguarded because there is clear understanding and arrangement between parents and the childminder for what medicine is to be administered to support the child's good health. Details for any other person who has parental responsibility for the child are recorded to ensure appropriate contacts to support children's well-being.

Written risk assessment is completed, identifying hazards and action to take to minimise risk. The childminder acts upon the identified control measures; for example, a child-proof lock is fitted to a kitchen cupboard door to prevent children's access to hazardous items that were previously accessible in the kitchen and bathroom. Cat food bowls can be moved and stored away from younger children's access. A safety gate has also been fitted across the kitchen doorway to prevent children from going into that area unnecessarily. As a consequence, children's safety is improved and safeguarded.

Although the actions for children's learning and development were not required for completion by the date of visit, the childminder has taken some steps to meet with these. For example, she has initial links to share information on children's progress with other settings that children attend and is developing planning to take account of identified next steps for children's learning.

The next visit will be a monitoring visit to check that compliance with the actions that have already been met is sustained and that the actions for children's learning and development are also met.

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
ensure children's learning is fully supported and complemented by improving the arrangements to share information about children's progress and achievements with parents and other settings children attend	31/03/2014	
ensure the quality of teaching is consistently good by using observations of what children can do to effectively monitor their progress, in order to plan and provide consistently good levels of challenge in all experiences and activities	31/03/2014	
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	06/03/2014	07/03/2014
ensure that risk assessments are completed to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and how the risk will be removed or minimised; with particular regard to hazardous items in kitchen and bathroom cupboards and cat food bowls	06/03/2014	07/03/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	06/03/2014	07/03/2014