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Our Reference 105197

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Cass, monitored your provision on 13/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 19/08/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirement notice required you to address the following:

manage children's behaviour in positive ways ensuring that physical intervention is used only when absolutely necessary to prevent serious harm and ensure discussions about behaviour are positive and supportive; ensure that all areas registered for childminding are safe for children's use; in particular relation to the garden, by removing hazardous items and securely blocking off areas which pose a threat to children; take steps to ensure that accidents are prevented by storing toys for children's easy reach in a way that is safe.

A notice to improve was also issued which required you to address the following:

ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable for childcare (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register); ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); provide suitable support for children whose development causes concerns to ensure that they make satisfactory progress in all prime areas; especially in the area of communication and language; establish a two-way flow of information with parents to fully understand children's abilities and to plan suitably for their next steps in learning.

At the monitoring visit on 11 September 2013 you were able to demonstrate that you have taken some action to meet these requirements. However, at the visit overall progress was inadequate and a further monitoring visit was to be undertaken.

A monitoring visit took place on 16 December 2013 and evidence gathered at this visit confirmed that the you had made satisfactory progress. However, you required improvement specifically in the learning and development requirements and a further action was issued that asked you to implement each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. With particular regard to being clear about the purpose of the activity and linking it to the areas of learning and development.

At the monitoring visit on 13 March 2013, the inspector found that you provide suitable support for children whose development causes concern. You understand the purpose of planned adult led activities and how the activity links to promoting a child's next steps in learning. You implement each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. Your planning documents and assessment records demonstrate that you are clear about the purpose of the activity and link it to the areas of learning and development.

The inspector found that children have access to a wide range of resources. However, the foam matting used during outside play blocked access to some resources in the playroom. The inspector discussed the importance of keeping areas used for children free from clutter so that the premises remain suitable.

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
implement each area of learning and development through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. With particular regard to being clear about the purpose of the activity and linking it to the areas of learning and development.	07/02/2014	08/04/2014