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

An Ofsted inspector, Rebecca Hurst, monitored your provision on 28/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 15/11/2013, 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 observed interaction between you and the children. She looked at your safeguarding policies and procedures, planning and observations, and paperwork shared with the parents and other agencies.

The inspector found that you have made significant changes to the documents that are stored at the setting and to your overall practice. You have worked closely with the local early years team to make improvements to the service you provide. As a result you have been able to accurately identify in your development plan what needs to be improved and you can demonstrate that you know how to maintain these improvements.

You have started to identify training courses for you to attend to update your knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This is ongoing as the courses are spread out over the coming months. You have been working closely with the local authority to support the children. You have started to use planning to aid the children's further development. You gather information from the parents on the children's likes and dislikes and their current stages of development to help to inform your planning. You are also taking into account their likes and dislikes to plan activities to meet their individual needs. You have now set up a key-person system for all the children that attend with care that is shared between you and your co-minder.

You have started to complete the required progress checks for children aged between two and three years of age. The inspector noted that you have used your observations that you are now completing to inform these reports. You share these

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now with the parents, as required, so you can all work together on children's next steps of learning.

You have updated your safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect school and nursery runs to show how children will not be left alone in the car. You are also booked on training courses to update your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding. This demonstrates that you understand better the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

You have shown a positive approach to all the changes required and have worked effectively on all of the actions raised as part of your last inspection. You have welcomed working with the local early years team and have taken effective action in changing your practices to meet the legal requirements set out in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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
ensure that children are supervised at all times and within sight or hearing to fully maintain their safety, including when on outings	16/11/2013	28/03/2014
increase and develop an understanding of how to plan and monitor children's individual learning across all areas of development to enable children to make adequate progress	31/01/2014	28/03/2014
develop the links with parents and other carers to ensure that shared information is used to support and promote children's individual learning, including establishing children's starting points effectively on starting at the provision	30/12/2013	28/03/2014
provide parents with a written summary of their child's development in the prime areas, when their children are between the ages of two and three years, including when a child moves settings and this summary has not been provided.	30/12/2013	28/03/2014