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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Nicola Dickinson, monitored your provision on 31/03/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 31/03/2014, 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 improve. She reviewed the systems you have put in place to ensure children are kept safe by not leaving them alone with un-vetted adults, even for short periods of time. She reviewed the action you have taken to make sure there is adequate fire detection equipment in your home and that fire drills are completed. The inspector discussed your safeguarding policy and procedures with you to make sure they reflect current requirements. She also discussed with you the action you have taken to improve your understanding and knowledge of the Statutory framework for the Early years Foundation Stage and how you intend to plan for the continuous improvement of your provision. The inspector also discussed with you what systems you have put in place to observe and assess children's learning. She reviewed how you will use the information you gather from assessments to inform planning to ensure children have challenging and enjoyable learning experiences that help them to make good progress.

The inspector found that you have developed a suitable action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and have introduced systems to evaluate the quality of practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has enabled you to prioritise the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

You have reviewed your safeguarding policies and the procedures you have in place for supervising children. In discussion you demonstrate that you understand the reasons why children should not be left alone with un-vetted adults. You plan to minimise the visitors to your home when children are in your care and will ensure you are with them at all times if visitors are present.

You have installed suitable fire detection equipment in the playroom. These are checked regularly and documentation shows fire drills are completed with the children. This helps to promote their safety.

You have accessed current guidance documents to improve your knowledge of the Statutory framework for the early Years Foundation Stage and you are also working in partnership with other childminders to share good practice. This means you have been able to review your safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they reflect current guidance and there are clear procedures in place regarding the use of mobile phones and cameras.

You are using the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to assess your practice to ensure you can plan for the continuous improvement of your provision. You are also accessing current guidance documents to improve your understanding of how children learn. You have not yet had any support from the local authority but you have been proactive in welcoming support from other childminders and have implemented a system for monitoring the assessment of children's learning. By completing observations of children's learning you are obtaining information about their interests and next steps. You are using the information to inform your planning and this means you can deliver enjoyable and challenging activities that cover the seven areas of learning and are matched to children's individual interests and help them to make good progress in their learning.

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 children are not left alone with unvetted adults even for a short period of time	17/01/2014	01/04/2014
implement the planning of challenging and enjoyable experiences across the seven area of learning, based on rigorous observations, taking into account the individual needs, interests and next steps of each child to more effectively support their progress	31/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure fire detection equipment, for example, smoke detectors, are fitted and a record of fire drills maintained	17/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure the safeguarding policy and procedures are in line with current requirements, with particular regard to the use of mobile phones and cameras	24/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure children are not left alone with unvetted adults even for a short period of time (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure fire detection equipment, for example, smoke detectors, are fitted and a record of fire drills maintained (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure the safeguarding policy and procedures are in line with current requirements, with particular regard to the use of mobile phones and cameras. (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure fire detection equipment, for example, smoke detectors, are fitted and a record of fire drills maintained (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	01/04/2014
ensure children are not left alone with unvetted adults even for a short period of time. (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	17/01/2014	01/04/2014

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develop a knowledge of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and use this knowledge to plan clear developments for the continuous improvement of the provision. 17/01/2014 01/04/2014

ensure the safeguarding policy and procedures are in line with current requirements, with particular regard to the use of mobile phones and cameras. (voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 24/01/2014 01/04/2014