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Our Reference EY451757

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Lynn Hughes, monitored your provision on 02/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 09/12/2013, 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 activities in your lounge and playroom and viewed all areas of the home used for childminding purposes. The inspector also spoke to a representative from the local authority. She looked at the action plan you devised following your last inspection and the actions you have taken to improve your provision. The inspector also looked at records relating to children's personal details, information about their learning and development, accident and medication records, the daily attendance register, planning, written risk assessments, written policies, the complaints file and a range of other relevant documentation.

The inspector found that you have fully reviewed your procedures for ensuring that children remain in your sight and/or sound at all times. She saw from your written policies that you have improved your procedures for keeping children safe on outings and especially when using local supermarket car parks. The inspector viewed your written risk assessments and the improvements you have made to ensure that children remain safe and secure in your care at all times.

The inspector also found that you have attended a face to face safeguarding course designed for lead practitioners, to ensure that your safeguarding knowledge is up-to-date and robust.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector explored the actions you have taken to deal with a concern which was raised with Ofsted following your last inspection. The concern was regarding the safety of babies gaining access to craft materials while older children are participating in creative play and inappropriate nappy changing arrangements, resulting in a child's nappy being too tight. It also referred to young

children returning home with dirty faces. The inspector found that you have tightened your risk assessments when children participate in creative play activities and now have more rigorous procedures for checking the safety of the environment in which younger children play. She saw that you have appropriate nappy changing procedures in place and you informed her that you always check the cleanliness of children throughout the day. You have dealt with the complaint by following your complaints procedures and have sent a questionnaire to parents asking them for feedback on your provision in order to further improve your childminding service. Therefore in light of these measures, no further action is to be taken.

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 safeguarded at all times, particularly while on outings, by ensuring that they are always within the sight or hearing of the childminder at all times	01/01/2014	02/04/2014
implement a more robust risk assessment to ensure that outings are suitable for the ages of the children present, any potential hazards are identified in advance and action is taken to minimise these so that children's safety is maintained on all occasions.	01/01/2014	02/04/2014