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Our Reference 304145

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Alison Frances Tranby, monitored your provision on 24/01/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 24/01/2014, 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:

improve knowledge and understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, to guide the development of children's learning and meet their safeguarding and welfare needs

observe and assess each child's progress in all seven areas of learning, taking into account their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan for their next steps

improve children's play and learning experiences by: limiting the use of the television; ensuring each area of learning and development is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities

In addition to the welfare requirement notice you were issued several actions to improve requiring you to:

develop knowledge and understanding of the progress check at age two so that summaries can be provided to parents at the appropriate time to ensure children's progress is fully supported

improve the systems for working in partnership with parents and other early years settings the children attend, to promote continuity in children's care and learning; this relates to supporting parents in guiding their child's development at home; establishing a two-way flow of information with other early years settings and helping to prepare children for transitions to other settings

take steps to improve the safety of children; this relates to having an emergency evacuation procedure in place and ensuring that hazardous substances, such as bleach are inaccessible to children

Ensure that all necessary steps are taken to minimise any identified risks

A monitoring visit undertaken on 24 January 2014 found that overall prompt and effective progress made since the last inspection was good.

The provider has improve knowledge and understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, to guide the development of children's learning and meet their safeguarding and welfare needs, as she has now completed additional training and obtained support from the Local Authority Early years team. The provider is now making observation and assessing children progress.

The provider has purchased additional resources and is now planning learning experiences to ensure children receive purposeful play through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities.

Development and progress of children's learning achievements is now documented and milestones when achieved are being shared with parents and other day care settings children may attend. This has been achieved through support from the local authority.

Systems have improved with regard to working in partnership with parents and other early years as the provider has established a two-way flow of information with other early year's settings and helping to prepare children for transitions to other settings

Emergency evacuation procedures has improved as the provider has had a recent visit from the fire officer, implemented a fire evacuation procedure and practised the procedure on a monthly basis with the children who attend the setting.

Risk assessments are now in place to ensure children do not have access to hazardous substances and that identified risks are minimised.

The provider demonstrated a clear knowledge of and understanding of safeguarding policies and procedures, and has undertaken additional training.

The next visit will be a full inspection.

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.

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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
improve knowledge and understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, to guide the development of children's learning and meet their safeguarding and welfare needs	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
improve children's play and learning experiences by: limiting the use of the television; ensuring each area of learning and development is implemented through planned, purposeful play and through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
observe and assess each child's progress in all seven areas of learning, taking into account their age and stage of development, and use this information to plan for their next steps	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
ensure records about each child are in place for all children, including their name, date of birth, who the child normally lives with and emergency contact details for parents	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
improve knowledge and procedures for safeguarding children by attending a child protection training course.	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
take action as specified in the early years section of the report (W1.1).	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
take action as specified above (Arrangements for safeguarding children, Procedures for dealing with complaints and Providing information to parents)	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
devise and implement a written statement of procedures to safeguard children from abuse and neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children) (both parts of the Childcare Register)	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
devise a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with	28/11/2013	24/01/2014

complaints) (both parts of the Childcare Register)

provide parents with copies of the written statements of safeguarding procedures and complaints procedures (Providing information to parents) (both parts of the Childcare Register)	28/11/2013	24/01/2014
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develop knowledge and understanding of the progress check at age two so that summaries can be provided to parents at the appropriate time to ensure children's progress is fully supported	08/11/2013	24/01/2014
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take steps to improve the safety of children; this relates to having an emergency evacuation procedure in place and ensuring that hazardous substances, such as bleach are inaccessible to children	25/11/2013	24/01/2014
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ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	25/10/2013	24/01/2014
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ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	25/10/2013	24/01/2014
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improve the systems for working in partnership with parents and other early years settings the children attend, to promote continuity in children's care and learning; this relates to supporting parents in guiding their child's development at home; establishing a two-way flow of information with other early years settings and helping to prepare children for transitions to other settings	08/11/2013	24/01/2014
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