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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Doubleday, monitored your provision on 12/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 18/11/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The welfare requirements notice required you to complete the following action by 2 December 2013: ensure that all people who live on the premises on which the childcare is provided; obtain a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were also issued a notice to improve. The notice to improve set out actions that asked you to: improve facilities to promote the good health of children, for example by providing a changing mat and encouraging hand washing before eating; ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner; update knowledge of the learning and development requirements in order to consider the individual needs, interests, and stage of development of each child and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all of the areas of learning; and development and assess each child's starting points in relation to their age and stage of development: use this information to identify and plan for the next steps in their learning.

During the monitoring visit the inspector looked at documentation, observed your practice and discussed the action taken with you. The inspector spoke to you about any support you have received from representatives from the local authority. You said that you had received support by way of visits and documentation.

The inspector found that a Disclosure and Barring Service check is in progress for people in the household that do not already have one for childminding. You have improved facilities to promote the good health of children as you use a changing mat for nappy changing and wipe it down with anti-bacterial spray after each time it is used. Children are encouraged to wash hands before eating, after messy activities, after sneezing and after using the toilet and understand the reason why they need to

do so. The management of children's behaviour has improved as you have rewritten your policy and now consistently explain to children why their behaviour is not acceptable and asks them to sit out for a few minutes to reflect on their behaviour. You were observed to give children praise for positive behaviour. This means that children are developing an understanding of the boundaries set.

You have developed your own knowledge of the learning and development requirements by attending cluster training and working with your local early years support officer. You are now observing children and assessing their progress. Although you have no written plans in place you have demonstrated that you are planning activities to meet children's next steps in their learning. You recognise that this is an area that you need to continue to develop but that you are gaining more confidence with.

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

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