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

An Ofsted inspector, Sally Smith, monitored your provision on 08/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 09/01/2014, 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 address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She discussed with you how you keep children safe while they are playing outside and how children learn about keeping themselves safe. She looked at the information you keep about each of the children in your care. The inspector discussed how you promote good hygiene procedures with particular regard to hand washing.

The inspector found that you have reviewed and updated the information you record about each child you care for. This now contains details of their address, date of birth, who has legal responsibility for the child and emergency contact details. Information is sought about any specific dietary or medical requirements that children may have.

You are now supporting children's health better as you ensure that both the children and yourself, wash hands at appropriate times, such as after using the toilet or before eating food. A step is provided so that children can reach the hand basin and wash their hands independently. All children have their own hand towel to reduce the risk of cross contamination. You act as a positive role-model, washing your hands after changing children's nappies. A sanitised hand-gel is easily accessible for times when accessing running water is difficult.

The outdoor play area has been reviewed with regards to risks and how these are minimised. The large five-bar gate is now permanently closed during childminding hours and parents have been advised accordingly. You also check after all children have arrived, that the gate is closed. In addition, a lock has been placed on the smaller gate leading to the garden. While children are playing outside, they are under your direct supervision at all times. You no longer take children for walks up

the lane but take them across the road to the fields beyond, where they can run around freely. You discuss safety with children when you take them on outings, such as holding hands when required.

You have welcomed support from the local authority and worked closely with them to make ongoing improvements to your provision. You show commitment to further training to enhance your knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage in general.

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
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
ensure the safety and well-being of all children through risk assessment policies and procedures that identify and minimise all possible hazards to children in the outdoor play areas and ensure children are always within sight and hearing at all times	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
make sure the enrolment form for each child records: the child's full name, date of birth, name, address and emergency contact details for every parent and/or carer who is known to the provider, who has parental responsibility and who the child lives with, special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies and any special health requirements to ensure children's safety and well-being	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
promote the good health of children by taking necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, for example, by ensuring good personal hygiene routines are implemented consistently by adults caring for children and the children themselves.	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
ensure that a child is unable to leave the premises unsupervised (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	09/01/2014	08/04/2014
ensure that a child is unable to leave the premises unsupervised except where the child is aged eight or over and the parent	09/01/2014	08/04/2014

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of the child has agreed that they may leave the provision unaccompanied (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).