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Our Reference 403028

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Josephine Northend, monitored your provision on 14/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 11/12/2013, 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. The inspector looked at your activity planning and assessment records. She also looked at the progress checks at age two, you have completed for children aged between two and three years. The inspector looked at your self-evaluation and the action plans that you have in place. She also looked at your first aid certificate and safeguarding policies and procedures. The inspector had a discussion with a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have developed an action plan to address the actions raised at your last inspection and you are beginning to evaluate the quality of your practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. Parents have completed questionnaires in order for you to gather their views about the service you offer. You have welcomed the support from your local authority and have booked onto a course to help you evaluate your practice further. This will help you to more accurately identify how to address the areas for improvement raised at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing improvement.

You know and understand what you need to do in the event of a concern about a child's welfare. The inspector found that you have a clear safeguarding policy and procedure in place. You know who to contact and what to do if an allegation is made against you or a member of your household and have relevant contact numbers available. This ensures children's safety is highly prioritised in such circumstances.

You have purchased some new resources to provide improved opportunities for children's activities. You described how the children have enjoyed and extended these activities. The observations you complete of the children's activities are linked

to the areas of learning and show that children are making progress. You are aware of children's individual interests and plan activities around these to promote and extend their interest. Children engage in a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities. This means their learning and development is promoted.

The inspector found that you are now using the information you gather about children's learning and development in order to review children's progress between the ages of two and three years. Parents are provided with a written summary. This has enabled you to have a clearer understanding of each child's strengths and any areas where their development is less than expected.

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
improve the knowledge and understanding of who to contact and what to do if an allegation is made against the childminder or a member of the household, to ensure children's safety is highly prioritised in such circumstances	27/12/2013	14/04/2014
improve opportunities and the organisation of resources to ensure that children's learning and development is fully promoted by providing planned, purposeful play through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activities	27/12/2013	14/04/2014
develop knowledge and understanding of how to complete the progress check at age two to identify any areas where the child's progress is less than expected and to support them effectively	27/12/2013	14/04/2014
devise and implement a thorough self-evaluation process and action plan, which includes the views of parents; to overcome weaknesses, identify areas for development and drive improvement.	27/12/2013	14/04/2014