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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Lindsey Pollock, 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 15/01/2014, 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 observed you working with the children and viewed the resources and activities available to the children. The inspector looked at your attendance register, your consent for outings and the records of personal details for each child in your care. The inspector spoke to you about the learning and development requirements and looked at the documentation you have introduced to help you meet these.

The inspector found that you have taken action to address the actions raised at your last inspection. You now have written consent from parents to take children on outings, you are now recording children's attendance and that of the childminding assistant on a daily basis and you now have the required records for children. This contributes to ensuring children are kept safe in your care. You have increased your knowledge and understanding of the seven areas of learning by obtaining the relevant guidance and working with your local authority adviser. You are now using this to enable children to receive challenging and enjoyable experiences. You have developed methods to review children's progress between the ages of two and three years. This will enable you to have a clearer understanding of each child's strengths and areas where their development is less than expected. You have improved the provision of resources by increasing the range available and by making sure they are interesting and developmentally appropriate for the children in your care. Resources are now organised in a way that promotes children's independence. This supports children's all-round learning and development. Systems for sharing information about children's learning with parents are being introduced to enable both parties to work together to fully promote children's development. This includes ensuring verbal information about children's progress is shared on a daily basis and by encouraging

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parents to look at and contribute to, children's learning journals. You have welcomed support from your local authority. This has led to an improved quality of service.

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 a record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	15/01/2014	14/04/2014
ensure that a record is kept of the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises and the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	15/01/2014	14/04/2014
develop understanding of the seven areas of learning and development so that children receive challenging and enjoyable experiences, and develop methods to review children's progress at age two	29/01/2014	14/04/2014
provide resources that support children's all-round development and emotional well-being and that promote their independence	29/01/2014	14/04/2014
share information about children's learning and development with parents, so that they can fully support and complement children's learning and development at home	29/01/2014	14/04/2014
ensure that an accurate and up-to-date record of children's attendance is kept and for when the assistant is used, to demonstrate that ratios are maintained at all times and that the needs of all children are met	15/01/2014	14/04/2014
obtain written parental permission for each child to take part in outings	15/01/2014	14/04/2014
keep a record for each child that includes their full name, date of birth, name and address of every parent and/or carer, which parent/carer children live with and	15/01/2014	14/04/2014

emergency contact details.

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