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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Linda du Preez, monitored your provision on 22/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 02/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

In order to meet requirements relating to 'Staff: child ratios', 'Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment' and 'Information and records', you were required to deploy adults effectively to meet children's needs, update risk assessments and maintain the daily record of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance. In addition, you were issued with a notice to improve which required you to address actions relating to, 'Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment'; 'Equal opportunities'; 'Health'; and the areas of 'Learning and development' and 'Assessment'.

The notice to improve asked you to ensure that premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment and toys, must be safe for children to use and premises and equipment must be clean. The notice to improve required you to implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in your care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities and to ensure fresh drinking water is available and accessible at all times. The notice to improve also required you to update your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of observation, planning and assessment to meet children's individual needs.

At the monitoring visit on 10 February 2014, the regulatory inspector found that you had made satisfactory progress in relation to meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) safeguarding and welfare requirements. Through discussion, you demonstrated a satisfactory capacity for improvement and a willingness to make changes to help ensure children's safety and wellbeing. The inspector found that the welfare requirements were met, because you demonstrated how you ensure ratios are correct and the adults in the setting support children's individual needs. You had reviewed risk assessments and maintained a record of children's attendance. These

measures help to support children's safety and welfare in the setting. The inspector also found that most of the actions set in the notice to improve had been met in the prescribed timescale. However, the learning and development actions were given more time for improvement. The inspector observed your home to be clean and tidy, with suitable, age appropriate furniture and resources for the children. There was drinking water available to ensure children remain hydrated. You demonstrated a commitment to promote equality of opportunity for all children and had a written policy and procedure in place.

You sought support from the local authority advisor regarding the learning and development requirements of Early Years Foundation Stage. This support has enabled you to update your knowledge and understanding and to drive improvement. A regulatory inspector visited you on 22 April 2014 to monitor the progress you have made relating to the learning and development requirements. Through discussion, you demonstrated an improved approach to gaining information from parents and using this information to plan for children's progress. Records show that you track each child's progress and have developed systems to focus each child's unique way of learning. You continue to monitor children's on-going development by observing them throughout their time at your setting, assessing their development and setting precise goals for their future progress in all areas of learning. These processes help children to make progress towards the early learning goals. Furthermore, you now work closely in partnership with other settings that children attend, which supports continuity in their progress.

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 |
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| 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 (Learning and development) | 21/02/2014 | 22/04/2014 |
| improve the educational programmes in each area of learning through helping children become active learners, by giving children greater independence and freedom of choice in their learning (Learning and development) | 21/02/2014 | 22/04/2014 |
| ensure fresh drinking water is available and accessible at all times. | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| ensure that premises are fit for purposes and that spaces, furniture, equipment and toys are safe for children to use | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in your care, including support for children with special educational needs and/or or disabilities | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| improve the educational programmes in each area of learning through helping children become active learners, by giving children greater independence and freedom of choice in their learning. | 21/02/2014 | 22/04/2014 |
| 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 (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| 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) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |

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| keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purpose of the childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (both parts of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare Register). | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| 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 | 21/02/2014 | 22/04/2014 |
| WRN demonstrate how staffing arrangements meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety, you must ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy assistants to ensure children's needs are met | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| WRN ensure there are clear and well understood procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly and take action to minimise risks to children's safety. | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| WRN maintain records and obtain and share information with parents and carers, other professionals working with the child to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting, and to help ensure the needs of all children are met. | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| WRN keep a written daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance and the names of each child's key person | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
| ensure that premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment and toys, must be safe for children to use and premises and | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |

equipment must be clean (Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment)

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| implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in your care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (Equal opportunities) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
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| ensure fresh drinking water is available and accessible at all times (Health) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
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| 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 (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment -compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2015 | 10/02/2014 |
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| The registered person must ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment - compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
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| keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Records to be kept - compulsory and voluntary part of the Childcare Register) | 07/02/2014 | 10/02/2014 |
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