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

An Ofsted inspector, Linda Witts, monitored your provision on 28/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 27/01/2014, we sent you a notice to improve.

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 your interaction with the children and spoke to your local authority development worker on the telephone. The inspector reviewed your risk assessments, attendance registers, activity plans and sampled a child's progress record. She also observed the safety of the premises.

The inspector found that you have developed a clear action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and that you have quickly implemented these plans.

The inspector found that your premises are well maintained. You closely supervise the children and they play in a safe environment. You have reviewed your risk assessments to ensure they include every area of the home and the many outings that take place. Access to the kitchen and the area where the dog sleeps is restricted by a safety gate. Dogs' bowls, and other hazardous items, are stored securely away from the children. You are now recording children's attendance more accurately which contributes to ensuring children are safe in your care. You no longer employ an assistant but you are very aware of the need to gain parental permission to leave children with an assistant for short periods of time. Positive steps have been taken to improve children's learning experiences. You have some interesting activities planned around themes, such as, 'insects'. The children are looking forward to the planned garden bug hunt and trip to 'The Living Rainforest'. You recognise the need to use your observations and knowledge of children's abilities more effectively to tailor activities to promote their further learning. You also know that the children's progress records do not provide a clear picture of where children are in their learning, but you intend to work on this. You have taken sufficient steps to demonstrate your commitment to improving the provision for children's learning and

development. Because your interaction with children is sound, and you instinctively promote children's learning, they are making sufficient progress towards the early learning goals.

You have welcomed support from your local authority development worker who reports that you have taken effective action to review the safety of the setting and risk assessments for outings. You have been invited to attend local drop-in sessions so as to gain additional help to improve your systems of observation, assessment and planning. You say that you had planned to attend but to date, for various reasons, this has not been possible. You recognise that you would benefit from additional help and state that you intend to make sure you attend a session soon.

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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