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Our Reference 252624

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

An Ofsted inspector, Melanie Arnold, monitored your provision on 01/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 03/02/2014, 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 had a discussion with you about how you promote children's learning and development and you confirmed that there had been no changes to household members or your health. The inspector discussed your safeguarding policy relating to the use of mobile phones and cameras. She also discussed how you will monitor and evaluate your provision through self-evaluation.

The inspector found that you have worked on the actions and recommendations raised at the last inspection, making improvements in the majority of areas. You explain how you are committed to making and sustaining improvements to ensure children benefit from improved practice to their care, learning and development. You discuss how you are planning to monitor and evaluate your setting through self-evaluation, to ensure all statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are met in the future. You hope to involve parents in this process, working together with them to drive and secure continuous improvements. You explain that you have been unable to access support from the local authority.

You confirm that you have notified Ofsted of all relevant information relating to people living in your home and you will check this with Ofsted to fully ensure their records have been updated to reflect this current information. You explain that you have notified Ofsted of information relating to your health and that you are now fully aware that Ofsted must be informed of any changes to your well-being. This is to ensure that Ofsted hold all required information so that they can take any necessary action needed to assess and confirm your ongoing suitability.

The inspector found that you have a satisfactory understanding of how to support

children's learning and development. You explain that you are only providing childcare to school age children and although some of these children are still in the early years age group, they receive their main care and learning through school. You discuss how you have developed some good links with school, resulting in them sharing information with you about their future planned learning experiences for these children. This enables you to then provide additional fun play experiences to complement the learning children have already received at school. You explain how you would use observational assessments if you were caring for younger early years children, to monitor and track their progress and development. Information relating to children's progress and development for school age early years children, is currently shared and obtained through discussions with parents. You explain that you are planning to use observational assessment processes with older children, to fully ensure you are more accurately aware of their progress and development. This will enable you to more effectively support their ongoing development.

You explain how you support children's learning through a suitable range of play based learning experiences. You are able to adequately discuss how activities link to each area of learning, supporting children's progress across all areas. For example, you discuss how reading stories helps to develop children's language, communication, listening and attention skills. You explain how board games can be used to promote children's turn taking and sharing skills, which links to developing their personal, social and emotional development. You also confirm that board games can also be used to support children's mathematical awareness as children learn to count. You describe how you encourage children to play, explore, have a go and to keep on trying as they try to achieve. This shows how you do promote the characteristics of effective teaching and learning with children. However, you recognise that you are not always fully familiar or confident with using this terminology as detailed in the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. You confirm that you are working on improving your knowledge of these terms, so that you can fully demonstrate how you do promote children's learning and development through the use of appropriate teaching strategies.

The inspector found that you have improved your knowledge of safeguarding children, with specific regards to developing a procedure on the use of mobile phones and cameras to ensure children are fully protected. You do not allow mobile phones or cameras to be used in your home when children are present and you explain how you have discussed this new procedure with parents to ensure they are aware and comply with this. You are planning to update and include this in your written safeguarding children policy as you recognise this to be good practice.

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.

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**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**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Closed date</b>
ensure that appropriate agencies are informed of any changes to the household members living and working on the premises and any significant events which are likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
foster a culture of continuous improvement to obtain a clear view of what needs to be done to develop and to bring about improvements for children	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
reflect on the different ways that children learn, and understand how to implement the characteristics of effective teaching and learning in practice so that children are best supported to make good progress towards the early learning goals	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
improve knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures regarding the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting.	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
ensure Ofsted are informed of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of any person caring for children on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
ensure Ofsted are informed of any changes of any person aged 16 years or over working or living on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
ensure Ofsted are informed of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of any person caring for children on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	01/05/2014	01/05/2014
ensure Ofsted are informed of any changes of any person aged 16 years or over working or living on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	01/05/2014	01/05/2014