

Ofsted
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Telephone: 0300 123 1231
Fax: 0300 123 3159
Minicom: 0161 618 8524
Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
Web: www.ofsted.gov.uk



Our Reference EY362669

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Diane Stone, monitored your provision on 25/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 03/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirement notice required you to:

- comply with the no smoking policy by not smoking when children are present, or about to be present, including in outside play area;
- ensure the premises, including outdoor spaces are fit for purpose, safe, clean, secure and comply with health and safety legislation, including hygiene requirements;
- take all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised persons entering the premises;
- undertake risk assessments, including for outings, to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom these are checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised;
- maintain a daily register of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.

Through documentation, observation and discussion with the provider at the monitoring visit on 25 February 2014 the inspector has concluded that the provider has met all of the welfare requirement notices and notice of actions to improve raised at inspection. The provider has completed an action plan addressing all of the points raised for improvement and put something in place to ensure they have all been addressed.

All documentation required for the safe and effective management of the setting is in place. The provider demonstrated that she had a current Public liability insurance certificate and was able to demonstrate that she had maintained this at all times. Records of children's attendance are kept, they show times of arrival and departure of all children who attend the setting. The certificate of registration is displayed on a notice board in the kitchen.

The provider has a no smoking policy in place and signs are on the door to remind

people it is a no smoking area. Although the provider does smoke outside she is aware she must not do this while minded children are present or about to be present.

The premises were clean, tidy and fit for purpose. The outside area was free of rubbish and suitable for children to access. The family dog is kept in the conservatory or outside in the garden area, these areas are cleaned regularly to ensure they are suitable for children to access.

The provider now understands the space requirements and ensures there is sufficient space for children to play. The provider uses the lounge and two first floor bedrooms for the care of children. Only older children are allowed to access the first floor area.

Risk assessments are in place for the indoor and outdoor area, the risk assessments consider all the risks and identify if any action needs to be taken to minimise the potential risks. A risk assessment is in place for regular outings to local areas, when visiting an unfamiliar area the provider completes a new risk assessment specifically for that outing. The premises were secure on arrival and throughout the visit. The provider ensures that the back gate is bolted to prevent access to the garden area.

The provider speaks to parent on a daily basis, discussing with them what their child has been doing. Each child in the early years age range has a wow book which identifies key things the child has achieved. The provider uses the observations from the children's wow book to plan activities and look at what the child needs to do next. This is a new assessment tool for the provider and more time is needed for the provider to demonstrate if this is an effective way of monitoring children's development.

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 further monitoring.

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
provide Ofsted with a copy of your public liability insurance for 2013	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
provide Ofsted with a copy of public liability insurance for 2013 (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
provide Ofsted with a copy of public liability insurance for 2013 (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks by undertaking a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for assessment arises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks by undertaking a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for assessment arises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
maintain 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)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
maintain 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)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
display the certificate of registration on the premises on which childcare is provided (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
display the certificate of registration on the premises on which childcare is provided (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014

implement and deliver planned, purposeful play experiences in the setting for all children through a mix of adult-led and child-initiated activity	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
demonstrate how information about the activities the children will undertake is made available to parents (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
demonstrate how information about the activities the children will undertake is made available to parents (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
develop a consistent system of observation and assessment to understand children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles, and to then shape learning experiences for each child reflecting those observations	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
display the certificate of registration at the setting	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purpose of the childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purpose of the childcare are safe and suitable for that childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that no one can enter the premises without the knowledge of the person who is caring for the children on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that no one can enter the premises without the knowledge of the person who is caring for the children on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
ensure that no person smokes on the premises at any time while childcare is provided, or in the presence of a child receiving childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014

Our Reference EY362669

ensure that no person smokes on the premises at any time while childcare is provided, or in the presence of a child receiving childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
--	------------	------------

apply the indoor space measurements and demonstrate how these are met when the maximum number of children are in attendance at the same time	24/02/2014	25/02/2014
--	------------	------------