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Our Reference EY285290

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

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Austen, monitored your provision on 12/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 26/02/2014, 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 checked that you are not exceeding the required adult to child ratios and that Ofsted have been notified of anyone acting as an assistant. The inspector also checked that your assistants are not left in sole charge of children for periods of time longer than those specified in the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. She observed interactions between yourself and the children and viewed all required information relating to their welfare and learning prior to their admission into your care. The inspector had a discussion with a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and have introduced systems to evaluate the quality of the practice and the impact this has on outcomes for children. This has enabled you to carefully consider how you are going to address the areas for improvement identified at your last inspection and to plan for ongoing progress.

The inspector found that you have an appropriate understanding of how many children you are able to care for when you work by yourself or employ an assistant to work with you. As a result, adult to child ratios are now maintained. You also ensure that children are no longer left in the sole care of an assistant for longer than two hours, in a single day. This ensures children are kept safe and their needs are appropriately met at all times. The inspector found that you have notified Ofsted of anyone acting as an assistant on your premises. As a result, appropriate checks have been completed to assess their suitability. Additionally, you have obtained parental permission to leave children with an assistant and ensure that assistants, who might be left in sole charge of the children for any period of time, hold a current paediatric first-aid certificate. The inspector found that you have also taken appropriate steps

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to share your policies and procedures with your assistants, which supports the effective management of the provision.

The inspector found that all required information relating to children's welfare is gathered prior to them starting in your care. For example, the children's full name, address and date of birth are obtained and information is gathered relating to any known health and dietary requirements. This means that you have essential initial information to ensure children's individual needs are known and met. In addition, you have also obtained some information about children's starting points and interests to support their learning and development from the outset of the placement.

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**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Closed date</b>
ensure that the maximum number of children being cared for at any one time does not exceed the legally required adult to child ratios so that children are safe and their needs are appropriately met	18/03/2014	12/05/2014
ensure that details of anyone acting as an assistant on the childminding premises is notified to Ofsted	18/03/2014	12/05/2014
ensure assistants are not left in sole charge of children for periods of time longer than those specified in the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage	18/03/2014	12/05/2014
ensure all required information relating to children's welfare and learning is gathered prior to children starting in order that children's individual needs are effectively met.	18/03/2014	12/05/2014
ensure the childminder is present when childcare is being provided, unless for a maximum of two hours per day when a childminding assistant is present and parents have given their consent for their children to be left with the assistant (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	18/03/2014	12/05/2014
ensure the childminder is present when childcare is being provided, unless for a maximum of two hours per day when a childminding assistant is present and parents have given their consent for their children to be left with the assistant (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	18/03/2014	12/05/2014