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Our Reference EY382139

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

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, monitored your provision on 30/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

## **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 21/01/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that all medicines (both prescription and non-prescription) are only administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer and ensure information in place for each child being cared for includes information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that risk assessments are completed to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and how the risk will be removed or minimised; with particular regard to hazardous items in kitchen and bathroom cupboards and cat food bowls; ensure children's learning is fully supported and complemented by improving the arrangements to share information about children's progress and achievements with parents and other settings children attend; and ensure the quality of teaching is consistently good by using observations of what children can do to effectively monitor their progress, in order to plan and provide consistently good levels of challenge in all experiences and activities.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Compulsory and Voluntary parts of the Childcare Register Requirements asked you to: ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks.

At the second monitoring visit on 30 April 2014 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that the actions to be completed by 31 March 2014 had been met.

Records are kept for each child of any other person who has parental responsibility to make sure that there are appropriate contacts for the childminder to support children's well-being. The childminder continues to ensure that she has written consent from parents for each medication to be administered and also records the administration of medication. This ensures that there are correct arrangements between the parent and childminder for medicines to be administered to support children's good health.

Risk assessments are completed in writing and identify hazards and any arrangements needed to minimise the risk. The childminder reviews and updates risk assessments where necessary and takes action to keep children safe. For example, a child-proof lock is fitted to a kitchen cupboard door to prevent children's access to hazardous items and pet food bowls can be moved and stored away from younger children's access. Equipment such as safety-gates are also used to manage younger children's access within the premises. As a consequence, children's safety is improved and safeguarded.

The childminder has made improvement to systems to support children's learning and development. Children have individual learning journeys and these include observation of what they do; these link to the areas of learning and are used to decide children's next steps, which is used to inform planning. This helps to provide experiences that offer more challenge for children. Steps have been taken to share information on children's progress with other settings, with written parental agreement in place for this arrangement. The childminder has corresponded with other settings and had access to learning journeys; she is to further consider use of such information to support children's learning. These systems are still in their early stages and will need continued application.

The next visit will be a full inspection.

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.

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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
ensure children's learning is fully supported and complemented by improving the arrangements to share information about children's progress and achievements with parents and other settings children attend	31/03/2014	30/04/2014
ensure the quality of teaching is consistently good by using observations of what children can do to effectively monitor their progress, in order to plan and provide consistently good levels of challenge in all experiences and activities	31/03/2014	30/04/2014