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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Laura Hoyland, monitored your provision on 21/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 10/02/2014, 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 held discussions with you and a representative from the local authority. The inspector had a tour of the premises, discussed your development plan, risk assessments and planning documents. She also observed your interaction with children during play.

The inspector found that you have created a clear and concise development plan with the Early Years Consultant from the local authority and used it to drive improvement. For example, risk assessments of the garden have been conducted and all possible risks to children have been minimised. You state that you have had a gate built to ensure children are not able to access the higher part of the garden and the garden pots that were placed upon the high wall have been removed.

The inspector found that you have updated your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. You are aware of the prime and specific areas of learning and how to incorporate these into the everyday routines and practice. Enjoyable activities are planned for children across all areas of learning and you understand the importance of reflecting on how children learn through different experiences and activities.

It is evident that you have reviewed the planning and assessment of children's learning. Regular observations of children are conducted and appropriate next steps planned, in line with their age and stage of development. Children's interests are also observed and regular liaising with parents, means children's interests from home are incorporated into the activities planned for them, in the setting. Children are happy, motivated to learn and sufficiently challenged in their learning. Any gaps in their

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learning are easily identifiable because you have created a clear tracking system. In addition, you are aware of how to address any emerging gaps promptly.

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

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that the premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose. In particular ensure safety gates identified as required in risk assessments are in place, and that risks associated with hazards in the garden, such as the flight of steps and high drop from the grassed area, are adequately controlled	24/02/2014	21/05/2014
improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to provide challenging and enjoyable experiences for all children across all areas of learning and development, and in particular reflect on the different ways that children learn and use these in practice	24/02/2014	21/05/2014
consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child, and in particular use observations and assessments, to plan challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child in all of the areas of learning and development.	24/02/2014	21/05/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	24/02/2014	21/05/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	24/02/2014	21/05/2014