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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jacqueline Mason, monitored your provision on 29/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 03/03/2014, 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 observed activities in your lounge and viewed the resources available to children. The inspector also inspected areas used by children and looked at records relating to children's personal details, information about their learning and development and your written self-evaluation. You informed the inspector that you have not received any support from the local authority, so the inspector was not able to have a discussion with a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that the premises and resources are now fit for purpose. The premises are clean, well-maintained and risk assessed, to ensure that hazards are identified and children are able to play safely. There is a clear 'no smoking' policy in place, to protect children from the effects of cigarette smoke. You now understand the importance of ensuring that any vehicle, in which a child is transported, is adequately insured. The inspector found that there is a good range of toys and resources that are clean and suitable for their purpose. Toys are stored to ensure that they are readily accessible to children, supporting children's independence and sense of belonging.

You showed the inspector records that confirm all necessary information about each child is now recorded and maintained to enable you to meet this requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage for all children. You explained how you understand about your role to build good relationships with parents and encourage them to play an active role in their children's settling-in period. You detailed how you now have suitable procedures in place, so you find out about children's individual needs when they start at the setting and also ask parents to complete information sheets about their child's likes, dislikes and routines. You explained how you meet children's

individual care routines and engage parents to support children's learning at home, by sharing children's learning journals, giving parents photographs and using daily diaries, to share information. The inspector found that records of children's learning and development show that you observe children as they play and understand their level of achievement, interests and individual needs. You talked confidently about each child's individual stage of development and plan activities that they enjoy, to support their continuing progress. The inspector found that records demonstrate that children are making steady progress towards the early learning goals, across all areas of learning.

The inspector found that you are implementing satisfactory monitoring and supervision of all aspects of the childminding provision, to ensure consistent delivery of the educational programme and care practices and to promote continuous improvement. You have considered the actions set at the last inspection and taken effective action to support children's well-being, safety, learning and 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 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 the premises and resources are fit for purpose. Improve systems for keeping the premises and resources clean and well-maintained	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
ensure that the no-smoking policy is sufficient so that smoking is prevented in a room or outside play area when children are present or about to be present	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
ensure that vehicles in which children are being transported, and the driver of those vehicles are adequately insured	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
ensure all relevant information about each child is recorded and maintained at all times	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
review the key person role to ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, to help children to become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship for the children and to build a relationship with their parents. Use the key person system to engage parents to support children's learning at home	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child, use the information to plan challenging and enjoyable experiences in all areas of learning	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
use ongoing observations of children's play and learning to understand the children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles.	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
improve leadership by implementing effective monitoring and supervision of all aspects of the provision to ensure consistent delivery of the educational programme and care practices and to promote continuous improvement.	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part	25/03/2014	29/05/2014

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of the Childcare Register)

ensure the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
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ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
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ensure the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	25/03/2014	29/05/2014
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