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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Diane Stone, monitored your provision on 28/05/2014 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.

This 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.

At the monitoring visit on 25 February 2014 the provider had met all of the welfare requirements notices and notice of action to improve relating to the health and safety aspects of indoor and outdoor environment and documentation required for the safe and effective management of the setting. The provider had also started to develop children's learning journals to ensure they accurately reflected the progress children were making in their learning.

Through documentation, observation and discussion with the provider 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 regularly observes children in the early years age range and identifies next steps that are appropriate for the age of the child. The provider recognises when children find something hard and looks at ways to support the child to move forward in their development. The provider works closely with parents to ensure

there is consistency between home and the setting. The provider uses written observation of children as well as photos to show how children are progressing. This helps to ensure that assessments of children's development is accurate and therefore next steps are appropriate for individual children.

The provider continues to accept support from the Local Authority to further improve their knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This support and development will ensure that all children's interests, abilities and learning styles are taken into account when planning experiences.

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