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Our Reference 401420

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Laura Hoyland, monitored your provision on 02/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 04/03/2014, 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 held discussions with you and your assistant. The inspector had a tour of the premises, discussed the areas regarding development and looked at planning documents. She also observed your interaction with children during play. You explained that you have had some support from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have a clear plan to move forward in order to address all actions raised at the last inspection. For example, each child has a comprehensive development file with baseline assessments, regular observations and tracking of their individual progress. Furthermore, you have devised a system to ensure all areas of learning are covered in depth by providing activities to challenge children of all ages and stages of development.

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. You plan interesting activities that are flexible depending on children's interests and ensure all children are motivated to learn.

It is evident that you liaise closely with parents regarding their children's learning. For example, holding daily conversations with parents. These included discussing what children have enjoyed taking part in and future plans for their learning. Daily diaries are in place and enable a two-way flow of information between home and

your setting. Furthermore, you regularly observe and assess children using a computer program, which updates parents following any new information that is added. Also, termly parent meetings mean that children's learning and development is supported continuously between home and your setting.

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
develop knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage, so that all children are provided with an educational programme that will enable them to make good progress towards the early learning goals	01/04/2014	02/06/2014
provide challenging and enjoyable experiences for children in all areas of learning by gaining knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements, using robust observation and assessment of children's learning to identify and plan for their next steps and ensuring that children's progress is assessed regularly to identify any emerging gaps	01/04/2014	02/06/2014
establish a two-way exchange of information with parents to support children's learning needs. Provide opportunities for parents to share initial and ongoing information about their child's learning to inform planning. Provide parents with information about children's progress that they can use to support their children's learning at home	01/04/2014	02/06/2014