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Our Reference EY299283

Monitoring for provision judged as not met (with actions)

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Doubleday, monitored your provision on 07/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be not met (with actions).

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 02/10/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The welfare requirements notice required you to complete the following actions by 4 November 2013: ensure that public liability insurance is in place and ensure that documents and relevant policies are accessible and available for inspection.

In addition to the welfare requirements notice you were also issued a notice to improve. The notice to improve set out actions that asked you to: ensure that the premises are clean and fit for purpose. This is with particular regard to kitchen and cleanliness of the carpet in the lounge; ensure that first aid training is kept up to date, and that evidence to verify this is available for inspection; implement a written statements of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which parents makes in writing or by email.

Additional actions were issued in a notice to improve, to be completed by 31 January 2014. These are: increase knowledge and understanding of the revised Statutory Framework for the Early Year Foundation Stage to ensure that children learn and develop; improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Year Foundation Stage, including the prime and specific areas of learning, the early learning goals, and the progress check at age two, in order to accurately observe, assess and plan for each child's learning and development needs and improve the use of self-evaluation to identify areas for development and put in place an action plan for improvement to make changes that effectively benefit children's care and learning.

Since the inspection and last monitoring visit you have maintained some progress in addressing the weaknesses and meeting the welfare requirements. A certificate of public liability insurance continues to be in place. Your policies and procedures are available for inspection and are shared with parents. You have the required records and contracts for the children in your care. As good practice, the details about how to contact Ofsted should be included in your complaints procedure, although, these are available to parents on a poster in your hallway.

You have made sure that the premises are clean, however, you have not risk assessed all hazards to children as the stairs are accessible to children and on the day of the visit the cupboard where household cleaners were stored was accessible to children. A further action has been raised in relation to this area.

You have attended a first aid and a basic safeguarding training course and certificates for these courses are available for inspection. You have begun to address the actions in relation to children's learning and development. You have familiarised yourself with the statutory framework and early years outcome document and are aware of the areas of learning. You are completing observations and assessments of children in your care. You are planning activities for children but they are not yet sufficiently linked to children's learning needs in order to ensure they make the best possible progress. You are aware of the requirement to complete a progress check for children aged two years and to share this with parents. You have a basic understanding of what is to be included within the check but recognise this is an area you need to develop.

You have completed a self evaluation of your service and recognise the areas that you needs to improve. You have an action plan in place and are receiving support from the local authority to help you to meet the requirements.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

The next step will be further monitoring.

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 risk assessments assess all risks to children's safety and identify how the risk will be removed or minimised, particularly in relation to children's access to stairs and to household cleaning materials	20/06/2014	
ensure the premises and equipment used for the purpose of the childcare are safe and suitable for children	20/06/2014	
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