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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, monitored your provision on 22/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 05/02/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements asked you to: assess the risk to children's safety and identify how the risk will be removed or minimised; this is with particular regard to all hazards in the outdoor area and ensure the premises, including outdoor spaces, are safe for children to use and that procedures which cover identifying and dealing with hazards are implemented.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements asked you to: ensure information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child is recorded for each child in your care; improve the educational programme for physical development by ensuring that children learn basic hygiene routines; and increase knowledge and understanding of the prime and specific areas of learning to ensure clear assessments of children's individual learning are carried out to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles.

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register requirements asked you to: ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks and ensure the premises are safe and suitable for that childcare.

At the first monitoring visit on 22 May 2014 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be completed by 06 May 2014 had been met.

You have a large garden area with a dense row of conifer trees that run along the back of the outdoor perimeter and areas such as an enclosed chicken run and a

rockery. You have now provided a play area within the garden area for children's outdoor play and activities; this is enclosed with wooden picket fencing and a gate. A written risk assessment and diagrammatic assessment plan has been completed for escorting children to and from this enclosed area. Some of the conifer tree branches have been cut off and are stored within the garden; you have completed risk assessment for this, arranging for these items to be removed. Written risk assessments are devised for the premises and outdoor areas with daily checks being completed to minimise or remove any risk. For example, to check whether there is any animal faeces in the outdoor area and how to safely dispose of this if found.

You have devised a 'parent responsibility' form, which is completed with parents so that information is available on any person who has parental responsibility for the child. This ensures that there are arrangements in place for contact and support of the child's well-being.

You explain that you help develop children's awareness of hygiene by ensuring good hygiene routines, such as washing hands before every meal, each time after toileting, messy play and outdoor play. You confirm that you discuss hygiene with children, for example, for them to wash their hands after touching the cat to remove any germs and they may have. There are displayed posters, including 'Healthy teddy says wash your hands' and an NHS poster 'How to wash to wash hands', to provide visual reminders. Activities, such as singing 'Look how clean my two hands are' also help to promote children's awareness of hygiene practices. These aspects help children to learn about hygiene and support their well-being.

The next visit will be a monitoring visit to check that improvements are sustained and that the action related to children's learning and development, to be completed by 30 May 2014, is met.

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 further monitoring.

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, especially the back garden has appropriate risk assessments in place to minimise hazards and hygienic practice is consistently implemented.	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
assess the risk to children's safety and identify how the risk will be removed or minimised; this is with particular regard to all hazards in the outdoor area	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
ensure the premises, including outdoor spaces, are safe for children to use and that procedures which cover identifying and dealing with hazards are implemented	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
increase knowledge and understanding of the prime and specific areas of learning to ensure clear assessments of children's individual learning are carried out, to understand their level of achievement, interests and learning styles	30/05/2014	
ensure information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child is recorded for each child in your care	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
ensure the premises are safe and suitable for that childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
ensure the premises are safe and suitable for that childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	06/05/2014	22/05/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	06/05/2014	22/05/2014