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Our Reference EY247944

## **Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate**

An Ofsted inspector, Veronica Sharpe, monitored your provision on 12/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 27/03/2014, we sent you a notice to improve. If you were set actions at the inspection, or as a result of our subsequent monitoring or investigations, these are included at the end of this letter unless we have already verified that they have been completed.

During the monitoring visit the inspector looked at parts of the premises used for childminding and some of the resources you provide. The inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector looked at the action plan you have devised, following guidance from your local authority childminder support officer. She discussed how you have implemented an educational programme that covers the seven areas of learning. The inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to more effectively support and meet children's learning needs. A range of documentation was examined, which helps you to record and track children's progress. The inspector looked at how you have improved the partnerships with parents and other providers to enable robust two-way communication. The inspector also discussed your understanding of what steps to take if a child protection allegation is made against yourself.

The inspector spoke to a representative of the local authority on the telephone.

The inspector found that you have implemented a wider range of activities that support children's progress. You have taken steps to develop your knowledge of the areas of learning and now understand about the prime and specific areas. Observations are collected across the seven areas of learning. You detailed how you use these to identify individual children's next steps and support them to make suitable progress in their learning and development. As a result, children's learning experiences are significantly improved, enabling them to make steady progress towards the early learning goals. You still need some further advice in using observations, but you have planned to obtain additional guidance from your local

authority adviser.

You have introduced scrapbooks, where you record children's achievements through photographs, examples of art work and written notes. These are shared with parents to give them a better understanding of children's activities. Parents are invited to comment and use the daily diary you have implemented. All this successfully promotes two-way sharing of information and partnership working. You explained how you communicate with parents verbally each day and ask them about their children's interests at home. As a result, you are better able to support children's learning. You have taken steps to speak to other early years providers to give you a clearer understanding of children's experiences in other settings. You have obtained summary assessments that help you to complement children's learning across both settings. Consequently, children benefit from consistent learning experiences, which supports their ongoing development.

The inspector found that you showed a more robust understanding of what to do if allegations are made against yourself or a member of your family. You have updated your safeguarding procedures to show the current contact details of the relevant agencies. You have a poster displayed that helps you follow the process to refer such concerns. Your increased knowledge of these procedures means you are well placed to keep children safe.

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

Nick Hudson  
National Director, Early Education

## Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
implement the delivery of an educational programme that supports children across the seven areas of learning, which is tailored to individual children's stages of development, through the robust collection of starting points and ongoing effective observation, assessment and planning	30/05/2014	12/06/2014
develop links with other settings and parents to enable a two-way flow of information, which will enable a consistent approach to supporting children's learning and development	30/05/2014	12/06/2014
ensure a robust understanding of the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against the childminder.	25/04/2014	12/06/2014