

Ofsted
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Telephone: 0300 123 1231
Fax: 0300 123 3159
Minicom: 0161 618 8524
Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
Web: www.ofsted.gov.uk



Our Reference EY442323

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Helen Blackburn, 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 21/03/2014, 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 discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed interaction between you, your assistant and the children. She spoke to you about how you plan for and support children's learning outdoors and observed children playing in the garden. The inspector discussed your action plan and looked at children's progress records and documentation relating to your vehicle and suitability checks. You decided not to contact the representative from the local authority, who has supported you through your action planning.

The inspector found that you have developed an appropriate action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. You have welcomed support from a local authority representative and you explained that you are continuing to work closely with them, to further improve your practice. This has enabled you to accurately prioritise the areas for improvement, identified at your last inspection and it supports you in planning for your ongoing development.

You provided relevant documentation to demonstrate your vehicle is safe and suitable to transport children, such as relevant insurance documents and Ministry of Transport test certificates. The inspector found that the insurance documents covered you to transport children for business purposes. This contributes to you taking steps to keep children safe when transported in your vehicle.

You explained that all records relating to your vehicle and assistant are stored, so that you can easily access them for inspection purposes. Following the inspection,

you explained that you maintain all relevant evidence that your assistant is suitable to work with children. You detailed how you record details of their Disclosure and Barring Services checks and other documentation, such as their supervision records and suitability letters from Ofsted. These records demonstrate the steps you have taken to assess the suitability of adults working with the children.

The inspector found that you have taken action to address the recommendation raised at your last inspection. The inspector observed children playing outdoors and you explained that work has been completed to make the patio safe, since the last inspection. The inspector found that your planning records and discussions demonstrate that you plan and provide a varied range of outdoor experiences for children. These include children exploring nature, planting and growing activities, mini beast hunts, woodland walks and outings and visits to farms and other places of interests. These activities contribute to children's learning about seasons and enables them to explore and investigate, using all their senses.

During the monitoring visit, you discussed your plans to sustain and secure further improvement. You explained that self-evaluation and monitoring the quality of practice is part of the ongoing action planning, with your local authority representative, in readiness for the next inspection. To support this, you explained that meetings are planned with the local authority representative. You recognised that monitoring and evaluation is an ongoing process, if you are to sustain improvement overtime.

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
ensure vehicles in which children are being transported and the driver of those vehicles, are adequately insured.	21/03/2014	12/06/2014
ensure all required records, including those for vehicles and assistants, are easily accessible and available for inspection to those who have a right or professional need to see them.	21/03/2014	12/06/2014