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Our Reference 560080

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

An Ofsted inspector, Sarah Williams, monitored your provision on 30/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 07/04/2014, 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 you and your assistant caring for minded children and had a discussion with you. The inspector also spoke to your assistant and to a representative from the local authority. She looked at some of your policies, planning documents and children's development profiles, as well as correspondence from other providers attended by some of your minded children. The inspector also looked at the premises used for childminding, and the resources, both those in use and those stored away.

The inspector found that you have clarified your understanding of how to meet the requirement that children of all ages are fully safeguarded, and within sight or hearing at all times. You have amended your policy with a statement to reflect this and to reassure parents that children will never be left unsupervised at any time. As a result, children's safety and well-being are improved. You have tightened procedures in regard to notifying Ofsted of any serious accidents or injuries sustained by a child of any age whilst in your care. You have improved your understanding of what constitutes a significant incident. As a result, Ofsted are kept fully informed of matters affecting children's health and well-being. In relation to children's learning and development, you have sought information, and taken advice from your local authority development team, on how to improve and refine the systems for observation and assessment. This helps to ensure that the educational programme is rigorous and designed to meet each child's needs with challenging and interesting activities that promote their development. You now ensure that you have as much information as possible from parents, about children's starting points and

routines, so that you can plan effectively for them from the first days they attend. As a result, activities are more targeted and parents are fully involved in helping children achieve the next steps in their learning. For those children who attend other early years settings, including those at school but who are still in the early years age group, you have prepared documents to ensure that you have a record of what they are learning in the other settings. This means that you can complement their learning with the activities you provide. This also ensures an effective two-way flow of information with parents, so that vital details are passed on. As a result, children have continuity in their learning, and their welfare is more secure.

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 that children are always safeguarded, particularly when being transported in the childminder's car. For example, make sure that children are always within sight or hearing of the childminder at all times	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
tighten procedures to ensure that Ofsted is always notified of any serious accident, illness or injury to a child while in the childminder's care	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
use information from observations and assessments to consistently plan activities that provide sufficient challenge and meet individual children's learning needs and ensure that the educational programme is rigorous and effectively implemented at all times	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
inform Ofsted of any serious accident or injury to, or death of a child while receiving childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
inform Ofsted of any serious accident or injury to, or death of a child while receiving childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
implement effective systems to enable a two-way flow of information with parents and carers and between providers, if a child is attending more than one setting, to complement the learning that takes place across all aspects of children's lives.	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	23/04/2014	30/06/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	23/04/2014	30/06/2014