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Our Reference 141331

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

An Ofsted inspector, Maria Conroy, monitored your provision on 26/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 10/12/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. 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.

The welfare requirements notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Child Protection and Risk assessment. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 17 January 2014. We also sent you, notices to improve relating to the learning and development requirements. During our monitoring visit, completed on 4 February 2014, we found that you had taken prompt and effective action to address the welfare requirement notices.

During the monitoring visit of 20 May 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed you working with the children and viewed the resources and activities available to children. Although you had made some progress in addressing the learning and development requirements, you were still unclear about of your role in relation to 'teaching' as described in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. You had begun the process of observation; however, you were not using this effectively to help you plan for individual children. As a result two further notices to improve were set. During the visit the inspector observed that you had failed to conduct a risk assessment to protect children while using outdoor equipment. As a result a welfare requirement notice was issued, and notices to improve were issued for the Childcare Register.

During the monitoring visit conducted on the 5 June 2014, we found that you had taken prompt and effective action and were complying with the welfare requirements notice and the notices to improve. Therefore children were protected when using the

outdoor equipment.

A further visit was conducted on 26 June 2014, the inspector found that you continued to address the notices to improve. You are using children's interests to plan and provide activities and resources that they are interested in and enjoy. For example, you have extended the dinosaur resources to include more figures and a reference book, which encourages children to find out about each type of dinosaur. You have also extended some of the outdoor equipment, because you observed that children enjoy playing outside. You were able to verbally demonstrate how the equipment you provide will support their physical development and encourage their social skills. You are becoming more aware of your role in supporting how children learn; therefore you are providing opportunities which enable you to ask open ended questions and think how the activity provided link to the different areas of learning. You are also using visits to other provision such as the local nursery, to gain ideas of the type of activities you can provide for the children in your care. You continue to source information from the internet, which enables you to demonstrate to parents how children are taking part in different types of play, to support all areas of learning. You have worked effectively with the local service improvement officer, who has supported you in making progress in improving the quality of your service.

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
Develop a secure understanding of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and your role in relation to 'teaching children'. Use the knowledge gained to improve the activities provided to support all areas of learning both indoors and outdoors and to effectively implement the welfare requirements.	20/06/2014	08/07/2014
Use information gained from the process of observing children, to plan and provide challenging and exciting experiences for the next steps in their learning, which links to their interests and stage of development	20/06/2014	08/07/2014