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Our Reference 209392

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Christine Armstrong, monitored your provision on 03/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 10/03/2014, 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 had taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector looked at your documentation and had a discussion with a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have begun to address some of the actions raised. However, you have not used the action plan that you developed with a representative from the local authority to help you to guide and monitor your improvements. As a result, you have not begun to tackle some of the areas which were identified as needing to improve at your last inspection.

The inspector found that you are now keeping required records, which include recording information about who has parental responsibility for each child. You are supporting children's health better as you are now providing suitable snacks. You have also changed your nappy changing procedures to promote good hygiene and the safety of children. Since the last inspection you have met the ratio requirements, at all times, so that children are adequately supervised and kept safe.

You explained that you have experienced difficulties in booking onto a child protection training course, due to availability. However, you have not yet completed an available on-line training course, as advised by a representative from the local authority. As a result, you have not begun to develop and update your knowledge and understanding of child protection issues, in order to ensure you are able to effectively safeguard children.

The inspector found that you have begun to record some tentative observations of children's achievements. You have also begun to look at some written guidance materials. This has helped you to begin to make some links between your observations and children's development towards the early learning goals. However, you have not attended further training, which was identified on your plan of action, or taken any other effective action to develop your knowledge. Consequently, you remain unclear about how to complete the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years. You also remain unclear about how to identify children's next steps in learning. Therefore, you are unable to effectively involve parents in their child's learning and you are not taking any steps to plan your interactions, activities and resources to ensure children's next steps in learning are adequately supported.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

Next steps

The next step will be further monitoring.

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
update knowledge of the learning and development requirements, in order to consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all areas of learning and development	31/05/2014	03/06/2014
assess each child's starting points in relation to their age and stage of development by involving parents in their children's learning by improving the exchange of information on entry and during the placement and encouraging them to share their views and enhance children's learning and development at home.	31/05/2014	03/06/2014
ensure the ratio requirements are met at all times so that children are adequately supervised and kept safe, in this instance a maximum of three children in the early years	14/03/2014	03/06/2014
attend a child protection training course which is recommended by the local authority	31/05/2014	03/06/2014
ensure all information about children is recorded and updated, including parental responsibility	31/03/2014	03/06/2014
ensure that the progress check at age two is completed between the ages of two and three years, in time to inform the health and development review at age two	31/05/2014	03/06/2014
ensure all meals are healthy, balanced and nutritious, in order to support children's good health	14/03/2014	03/06/2014
ensure children's nappies are changed on a suitable surface and in an appropriate	14/03/2014	03/06/2014

area of the house to ensure the safety of children and promote good hygiene

develop knowledge of the learning and development requirements, in order to use information from observations to assess the stage of development of each child and use this information to plan a challenging and enjoyable experience for each child in all areas of learning and development 29/08/2014

involve parents in their children's learning from the outset by improving the exchange of information with them, in order to enhance children's learning and development at home. 29/08/2014

complete a child protection training course which is recommended by the local authority 13/06/2014

ensure that the progress check at age two is completed between the ages of two and three years and provide parents with a short written summary of their child's development in the prime areas of learning 29/08/2014