

Our Reference 260311

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jan Burnet, monitored your provision on 09/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 30/04/2014, 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 working with children and looked at resources available to children. The inspector discussed with you and a representative from the Local Authority the learning and development requirements and your current practice for observing children and assessing their progress. The inspector discussed with you the welfare requirements within the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The inspector found that you are now aware of the welfare requirement with regard to ensuring that children are only left in sole charge of registered assistants whose suitability has been checked. However, you informed the inspector that you have decided not to work with an assistant and so you supervise children yourself at all times. The inspector found that you have developed your knowledge of safeguarding procedures in order to be able to identify, and respond appropriately, to signs of possible abuse and neglect and protect children from harm. You have attended safeguarding training, drawn up a safeguarding policy and you have obtained a copy of the Leicester Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The inspector found that with the help of the Local Authority representative you have improved your record keeping. You informed the inspector that you are trying to develop links with other early years providers in order to address the issue of continuity of care and learning for children.

The inspector found that improvement to your practice with regard to meeting the learning and development requirements is at an early stage. The use of observation

and assessment to inform planning for learning is not yet embedded in your practice. However, the inspector found that you are valuing the support that the Local Authority representative is providing and you have attended training on observation, assessment and planning. You gave the inspector details on other training that has been booked. These are courses on the Early Years Foundation Stage and on working with two-year-olds. The inspector found that you are aware of the seven areas of learning and that you are beginning to use guidance documents to track children's progress and to improve your practice.

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
use observation and assessment to consider the individual needs, interests and stage of development of each child and plan challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child in all areas of learning and development	12/05/2014	09/07/2014
improve knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements to raise the quality of teaching and ensure that children receive a balance of child-initiated and adult-led play based learning experiences that promote their enthusiasm for learning	02/05/2014	09/07/2014
develop sufficient records and obtain and share information with parents and other professionals working with the children to ensure safe and effective management of the provision for all children who attend.	12/05/2014	09/07/2014
ensure children are only left in sole charge of registered assistants whose suitability has been appropriately checked for their role by Ofsted	02/05/2014	09/07/2014
develop knowledge of safeguarding procedures in order to be able to identify, and respond appropriately, to signs of possible abuse and neglect and protect children from harm	02/05/2014	09/07/2014