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Monitoring for provision judged as satisfactory

An Ofsted inspector, Joanne Lindsey Caswell, monitored your provision on 30/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be satisfactory.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 08/04/2014, 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.

As a result of our inspection on 8 April 2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter. The welfare requirements notice had a completion date of 29 May 2014 and required you to obtain an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check in respect of every person aged 16 and over who live on the premises on which childcare is provided; develop an up to date knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and procedures in line with the guidance from the Local Safeguarding Children Board; and implement effective systems to ensure people living or looking after the children on the premises are suitable to do so.

You were also sent a notice to improve. The notice to improve, with a completion date of 11 June 2014, required you to implement an effective system of observation and assessment to observe children to understand their level of achievement, identify their next steps in learning and preferred learning styles and then shape the learning experience for individual children; and develop processes to ensure the progress checks for two-year-old children are completed when needed.

In addition, the notice to improve for the compulsory and voluntary parts of the General Childcare Register also required you to ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (compulsory part of Childcare Register); ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (voluntary part of Childcare Register); keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); keep and implement a

written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (voluntary part of the Childcare Register); maintain effective systems to ensure any person caring for, or in regular contact with, children is suitable to work with children, which must include an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and is of integrity and good character (compulsory part of the Childcare Register); and maintain effective systems to ensure any person caring for, or in regular contact with, children is suitable to work with children, which must include an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and is of integrity and good character (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

On 30 May 2014, an inspector carried out a monitoring visit to check the progress made to meet the actions raised following inspection.

At the monitoring visit the inspector found that since your inspection, you have sought advice from the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) and have already received two support visits with more planned. You now have a copy of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. This has enabled you to understand the legal requirements you must meet as a registered childminder. Following the inspection, you have completed EY2 forms for both of your sons, Simon and Jamie, and submitted these in hard copy to Ofsted. These were returned by Ofsted and you were requested to submit the forms electronically. You were able to provide confirmation of submitted reference numbers for both of these. At the time of the visit, receipt of these forms was only showing for Simon and the Ofsted inspector agreed she would follow this up on your behalf. Relevant checks are now being initiated for Simon and you confirm you submitted a Disclosure and Barring Service check for both Simon and Jamie.

Until full clearance of all suitability checks has been received for both your sons, you confirm your understanding of not leaving minded children unsupervised. You confirmed to the inspector that you have now developed your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures and this has included completing a level two safeguarding course in May 2014. Your written policies and procedures have been reviewed and you are aware of the procedures to be implemented should an allegation be made about yourself, or any member of your household. Through discussion, you confirm a satisfactory understanding of what action to take if you had any concerns about a child in your care. This ensures that children are kept safe and relevant action is taken if they are found to be at risk of harm.

Since the inspection, you state you have also been supported by PACEY to develop systems for self-evaluation and how to regularly review your practice. You gave the inspector examples of how you intend to regularly seek the views of parents and children to ensure you continually make improvements to your childminding service.

The inspector found through observation, discussion and documentation that you have met the welfare requirements raised at the inspection on the 8 April 2014, within the timescales and you have taken prompt and effective action to address the areas for improvement.

Although the completion date for the actions raised has not yet been achieved, it is evident you are taking relevant action to address the concerns raised. You confirm you are being supported by PACEY to develop your planning and assessment systems and intend to attend relevant training courses to further develop your understanding.

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
obtain an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check in respect of every person aged 16 and over who live on the premises on which childcare is provided	29/05/2014	30/05/2014
develop an up to date knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and procedures in line with the guidance from the Local Safeguarding Children Board	29/05/2014	30/05/2014
implement effective systems to ensure people living or looking after the children on the premises are suitable to do so	29/05/2014	30/05/2014