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Our Reference EY445997

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

An Ofsted inspector, Diane Stone, monitored your provision on 22/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 18/11/2013, 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 requirement: staff qualifications, training, support and skills. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 7 April 2014. A previous monitoring visit took place on 4 June 2014. At that visit the inspector found that you were not complying with the requirements of the notice and had only addressed one of the notices of actions to improve.

During the monitoring visit of 22 July 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised at inspection. She observed interaction between you and children you provide care for, spoke to you and to a representative from the local authority. She looked at your planning and assessment records, children's learning journals, qualification records and your self-evaluation documentation.

The inspector found you have completed an approved first aid qualification which will help to ensure that children are safe and receive appropriate first aid treatment if they are injured whilst in your care.

Observations of children are now undertaken on a regular basis and you have completed assessments on all the children you care for who are in the early years age range. As a result you have a better understanding of their progress and any areas where children may need additional support. You are also aware of your responsibility in completing the progress checks for children aged two to three years

and have considered how you will share this information with parents.

You have continued to develop the way you plan activities and experiences for children. You consider the areas of learning each activity may promote and now identify when an activity is set out for a particular child. Children freely access the toys set up around the room and involve you in their play. You have started to extend children's learning, for example counting out play food cartons with children, however you can miss opportunities to extend children's learning because you still do not encourage them to stay and finish what they are doing.

You have introduced a system to evaluate the provision you offer. As a result you have a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses in your practice. You are now considering how you can improve the environment and your own practices which in turn helps to improve the daily experiences of children in your care. You have identified that you are not always able to determine what children's next steps in their development should be. You have put a system in place where you go back to look at children's development records to make sure that any next steps in children's develop that you have identified are appropriate and relevant to the individual child. You are looking at ways to improve your knowledge of planning and assessment of children's learning and have accepted support from your local authority in order to develop this area of 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
ensure an appropriate first aid qualification is obtained	12/05/2014	22/07/2014
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make systematic observations of children's learning and assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development and use this information to plan purposeful next steps for each child	12/05/2014	23/07/2014
develop a good knowledge of the seven areas of learning so that purposeful hands-on learning experiences are planned and provided to build-on what children know and can already do so support each child's ongoing development	12/05/2014	22/07/2014
take action to safeguard children by ensuring that they are not exposed to adult themed ornaments	12/05/2013	22/07/2014