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Our Reference 260490

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, William Good, monitored your provision on 08/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 25/03/2014, 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.

The welfare requirements notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Food and Drink, Safety, Premises and Risk Assessment. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 8 April 2014.

A previous monitoring visit, completed on 24 April 2014 found that you had met the actions in relation to Risk Assessment and Premises. The actions under Food and Drink and Safety had not been met and, following the visit, actions were raised in a welfare requirement notice which was issued to you on 12 May 2014. On 29 May 2014, a further monitoring visit found that you had taken prompt and effective action and were complying with the requirements of this notice.

During your most recent monitoring visit on 8 August 2014 the inspector observed the premises. He discussed your new methods of assessment and planning to confirm these have been fully embedded into practice. The inspector looked at records of assessments relating to children's stages of development and a communication book introduced following the first monitoring visit.

The inspector found that the premises continue to be clean. Spaces used by children are clear of clutter and no hazards were observed. This enables children to play safely.

You have continued to share and obtain information from parents and other settings regarding children's current interests and learning using a communication book. Assessments are made of children's current stage of development in each area of

learning. You have planned activities considering children's interests, their stage of development and their individual needs using information from your communication book and assessments. This has enabled you to identify areas of development where progress is less than expected and plan activities to support children's future learning.

You have completed a course supplied by your local authority on the characteristics of effective learning. This has enabled you to reflect on the different ways that children learn and how your actions impact on children's learning. You are further developing your practice by attending three more local authority courses later this year called 'Introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage', 'Observation, Assessment and Planning' and 'Self Evaluation'.

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

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National Director, Early Education