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Our Reference 128833

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Christine Jacqueline Davies, monitored your provision on 03/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 31/01/2014, 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: Child Protection and Risk assessments. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 20 February 2014.

During the monitoring visit of 3 April 2014, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve that was issued to you. The inspector also discussed with you the steps you have taken to improve your safeguarding procedures. She observed your premises and discussed the measures you have taken to ensure that hazards to children on your premises are minimised.

The inspector found that since your last inspection, you have improved your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures by attending relevant safeguarding training. This has enabled you to become more aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse and has also familiarised you with procedures to follow should you have a concern about a child in your care. You have also updated your safeguarding procedures to include relevant contact details for the local authority and are aware that Ofsted should also be notified of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person living, working or looking after children at the premises.

The inspector found that you now have measures in place to enable you treat minor accidents or injuries that are sustained by a child in your care. This is because you have ensured that a first aid box is accessible at all times with appropriate content

for use with children. You have also taken steps to ensure that your premises are safe for children in your care. For example, you have removed hazardous substances such as pet food and cleaning materials out of reach to children. In addition, you have fitted safety film to glass windows and doors in the conservatory and kitchen, so that glass which is easily shattered, is contained.

You are working with the local authority to steadily improve your knowledge of observation and assessment. For example you have introduced learning journeys to record children's progress and are using guidance such as 'Development Matters' to aid your understanding. The inspector found that you are still developing the educational programme to help children learn about their physical world and their community, and that you continue to take children to local groups where they can use a range of equipment reflecting diversity and celebrate different cultural festivals with them. Nonetheless, to help you improve in this area you are seeking support from the local authority so that it can be fully embedded within the seven areas of learning and development.

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 observations to understand children's level of achievement, interests and learning styles, and to then plan challenging learning experiences for each child reflecting those observations, and share this with others involved in children's learning	21/04/2014	03/04/2014
ensure there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children	17/03/2014	03/04/2014
improve the educational programme for understanding the world by providing activities and resources that help children make sense of their physical world and their community and to learn to recognise and respect diversity.	21/04/2014	03/04/2014
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimize any identified risks(voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	17/03/2014	03/04/2014
2. develop a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures in line with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSBC), with particular regard to knowing how to identify, understand and respond appropriately to possible signs of abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, making referrals and the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting.	20/02/2014	03/04/2014
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identify, understand and respond appropriately to possible signs of abuse and neglect at the earliest opportunity, making referrals and the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting.

undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises; ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	17/03/2014	03/04/2014
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