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Our Reference EY295121

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Julie Morrison, monitored your provision on 19/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 12/05/2014, 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.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector observed your interaction with children during play. The inspector also had a tour of the premises and looked at your action plan and a sample of children's learning journals.

The inspector found that you have implemented a clear mobile phone policy which you have shared with parents. You have also improved your understanding of the procedures to follow if you have a concern about a child in your care. This helps to safeguard children. The inspector found that you have improved the range of information and communication technology resources that are available and that children are using these confidently in their play. The inspector also found that you have improved how you use the outdoor area. This means that children now have more regular opportunities to independently access the outdoor area while in your care. This promotes children's physical development and supports their good health.

The inspector found that you have worked with your local authority early years representative to improve the quality of teaching and extend children's learning. You have improved how you use your observations of children's learning so that planning is more accurately based on children's next steps in learning. In addition, you are improving how you extend children's learning through making better use of open-ended questions and discussion. However, you do recognise that at times you do not allow children sufficient time to answer questions and you are working on improving this.

A local authority early years representative was not available to talk to at the time of

the monitoring visit. However, the inspector found that you have worked closely with the local authority. You have developed a clear and concise action plan of the areas to improve and this has helped to drive and sustain improvement. In addition, you have started to complete a personal learning journal which you are using to reflect on your practice. This is supporting you to continue to make and sustain further improvements.

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 that the educational programmes cover all areas of learning, for example, by ensuring better use of the outdoor environment to develop children's physical skills and by making information and communication technology resources available to children, so that they develop the skills and understanding about the use and purpose of these	30/05/2014	19/08/2014
improve knowledge of the safeguarding requirements to ensure children are protected from potential harm; this is in relation to reporting concerns and the use of mobile phones where children are present	13/06/2014	19/08/2014
improve the quality of teaching to ensure that it is consistently good in order to best support and extend children's learning, so that they make good progress towards all of the early learning goals.	30/05/2014	19/08/2014