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Our Reference EY299283

Monitoring for provision judged as not met (with actions)

An Ofsted inspector, Ann Doubleday, monitored your provision on 06/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be not met (with actions).

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 02/10/2013, 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.

The welfare requirement notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Information and records and Premises. The steps you were required to take were detailed in the full notice sent to you on 23 October 2013. Previous monitoring visits on 6 November 2013 and 11 February 2014 found you had taken action to comply with the requirements of this notice.

During the monitoring visit on 6 August 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector viewed the cleanliness and safety of the premises, your policies and records and the observations you have completed for children. She also viewed the planning of activities you have in place and your assessment of children's progress towards the Early Years outcomes. The inspector also looked at your self-evaluation and your risk assessment check list.

The inspector found that you have ensured the premises are kept clean for children by having regular cleaning routines and employing a cleaner. You have assessed risks to children and have now fitted cupboard locks to low level cupboards so that cleaning materials are inaccessible to children. You have arranged for a safety gate to be fitted to the bottom of the stairs to prevent children accessing the first floor and you will ensure that young minded children will be within your close supervision. These steps ensure children are cared for in an environment that is satisfactorily clean and safe.

You have ensured that all the required policies and documentation is updated and available for inspection. You have updated your complaints policy since the last monitoring visit so that it includes details of how parents can contact Ofsted should they need to do so. This promotes an effective working in partnership relationship with parents.

Even though you have started to plan activities more effectively in relation to the educational programmes you have also evaluated your service and recognise that you need to continue to develop your understanding of the learning and development requirements, particularly in relation to observations and planning. You have booked onto training provided by your local authority in order to help you develop further in this area.

You have increased your knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements by regularly reading through and referring to the EYFS document. Following assessment of activities provided you have developed your planning of activities so that you are focusing on the areas that children need developing in order to help them to make the best possible progress in their learning.

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 risk assessments assess all risks to children's safety and identify how the risk will be removed or minimised, particularly in relation to children's access to stairs and to household cleaning materials	20/06/2014	06/08/2014
ensure the premises and equipment used for the purpose of the childcare are safe and suitable for children	20/06/2014	06/08/2014
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