

Our Reference 303514

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

An Ofsted inspector, Lindsay Dobson, monitored your provision on 28/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 02/06/2014, 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 had a tour of your premises taking account of the space available to children to ensure their individual needs are provided for. She observed you and your assistant engaged in play activities with the children in your care and viewed and discussed your action plan. The inspector discussed the support visits you have had following the inspection and she talked to the quality improvement and support officer from the local authority who came to the monitoring visit. The inspector looked at some of your documentation, including your observations and planning systems and your daily registers of children's attendance. She also talked to you about children's play, the resources you provide and your knowledge of the prime and specific areas of learning.

The inspector found that you have devised a clear action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection and you have quickly and effectively implemented these plans. You have received regular support from your local authority adviser and a childminding support and development worker and have effectively implemented the advice and guidance provided by them. Both you and the representative from the local authority are happy with the progress you have made.

The inspector found that you and your assistant have updated your knowledge of the prime and specific areas of learning. You have used this knowledge to implement new systems for observation, assessment and planning for children. As a result, children's individual interests are supported and they are provided with challenging, fun learning opportunities. Additionally, you are able to monitor children's learning

and development more effectively and identify any gaps in their development that require additional support.

You have effectively addressed the space available for children to play and join in with their chosen activities. You have completed a risk assessment of your living room to ensure this is suitable for children and now use this as well as your dedicated play room. Consequently, children have additional space where they can play with their chosen activity and they are now able to play more comfortably.

The inspector talked to you about children's daily registers and how these are maintained. You now ensure that children's records of attendance are up to date and available for inspection. These documents show accurate arrival and departure times and are well-organised. This contributes towards you to protecting children and keeping them safe. You are clear about which children are present at any given time throughout the day and ensure that space requirements are met at all times.

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 all persons caring for children have a clear understanding of the prime and specific areas of learning and the different ways in which children learn and develop  | 25/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| observe children regularly in order to accurately plan their next steps and close any gaps in their learning  | 25/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| plan challenging and enjoyable experiences for each child that meet their individual learning needs and stages of development   | 25/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| abide by indoor space requirements to ensure that the needs of children are met and they can play comfortably   | 11/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| ensure the premises used for the purposes of childcare are suitable for that childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)  | 11/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| ensure the premises used for the purposes of childcare are suitable for that childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)   | 11/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| maintain an accurate record of children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.  | 04/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| keep a record of the following and retain them for a period of two years: a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance. (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 04/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |
| keep a record of the following and retain them for a period of two years: a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance. (voluntary part of the                      | 04/06/2014 | 28/08/2014  |

Childcare Register)