

Our Reference EY468944

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Dianne Adams, 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 06/06/2014, 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 the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. The inspector found that you have welcomed support from your local authority and used their guidance to successfully address the areas for improvement. The inspector looked at a range of documentation which included your safeguarding policy, written risk assessments, and records demonstrating how you observe, assess and plan for children's learning. She observed the indoor and outdoor environments and the range of resources you have available to support children's learning.

The inspector found that you have addressed all the actions raised at your last inspection. You now have a suitable knowledge of child protection procedures and you are aware of the action to take in the event of an allegation being made against you or your husband. You have recorded these procedures in an appropriate safeguarding policy which you make available for your parents. You have conducted a suitable risk assessment of both the indoor and outdoor environment. You have considered how to minimise the risk of small stones in the garden to ensure the safety of children, which you have recorded appropriately. In addition, you have considered how you will provide all children with access to drinking water throughout the day to support children's good health. For example, you intend to make available a jug of water for older children to help themselves to a drink.

The inspector found that you have improved your knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. You have reviewed the use of resources both indoors and outdoors, with specific regard to supporting child-initiated play. Your aim is to provide more challenge for children's individual learning when they are

following their own interests. The inspector found that you have introduced a development folder for each child to record your observations, demonstrating what children have achieved. You are linking the observations to the characteristics of effective learning and the early learning goals. You have started to use this information to successfully identify children's next steps and to plan activities that meet all children's learning needs. This is improving your ability to support and extend children's learning. Some children you care for attend other settings, such as school. You have implemented appropriate procedures to ensure you discuss and agree with parents and other providers, such as school teachers, the support you intend to offer this group of children. This supports you to provide a learning environment that complements the learning children achieve at school.

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 all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	13/06/2014	29/08/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	13/06/2014	29/08/2014
ensure drinking water is accessible at all times, in order to support children's good health	13/06/2014	29/08/2014
improve knowledge of how to accurately identify and plan for children's next steps in all areas of learning	25/08/2014	29/08/2014
improve knowledge of how to create a stimulating and challenging learning environment, to effectively support child-initiated play in all areas of learning	25/08/2014	29/08/2014
ensure children's learning and development is effectively supported by accurately identifying children's next steps in learning, and planning interactions and activities to support these	25/08/2014	29/08/2014
ensure children's learning and development is effectively supported by providing interesting, stimulating and challenging resources to inspire and support child-initiated activity in all areas of learning	25/08/2014	29/08/2014
work in partnership with other providers to complement children's learning when children attend more than one setting	18/07/2014	29/08/2014
improve knowledge of safeguarding policy and procedures, in order to respond appropriately in the event of an allegation being made against yourself or your family	11/07/2014	29/08/2014

keep and implement a suitable written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	29/08/2014
keep and implement a suitable written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	11/07/2014	29/08/2014
ensure effective risk assessments are carried out and suitable steps are taken to minimise all risks to children, particularly in relation to small stones in the garden	13/06/2014	29/08/2014