

Our Reference EY291433

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

An Ofsted inspector, Helen Penticost, monitored your provision on 05/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 22/06/2014, 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. You have welcomed support from the local authority advisor to enable you to make improvements. The inspector viewed your policies and procedures, your action plan devised with your local authority advisor and your written risk assessments. She also viewed your home and garden and discussed the action you have taken.

The inspector found that you have attended a first aid training course although you are still waiting for the certificate. The action plan devised with your local authority advisor demonstrates that you have attended the course. This enables you to care for children appropriately in the event of an accidental injury.

You have begun to develop planning for children's physical play and development at your home and have some appropriate resources in place. You now have a system in place to gain key words in children's home languages and you are also aware of how you can support this further. For example, you would borrow books in children's home languages from the library. However, the impact of these actions is not yet evident as you are not currently childminding.

The inspector found that you have undertaken a risk assessment of your home and garden and have created a basic written record. You have minimised potential hazards, such as making the electric sockets inaccessible to children, although you have not yet fitted a smoke alarm on the first floor. However, you have devised an emergency evacuation procedure, which you will practise with children. This will enable children to play and learn in a safe environment. You stated that you will

make fresh drinking water available to children at all times to enable children to begin to develop an awareness of their own needs as they quench their thirst.

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
make sure that a current paediatric first-aid certificate is maintained	31/07/2014	
improve the programme of activities to promote children's physical development, so that they have plenty of opportunities to be active and develop agility skills	31/07/2014	
take reasonable steps to provide opportunities for children to develop and use their home languages, and obtain key words in children's home languages to aid communication and further support their development of spoken English	27/06/2014	05/09/2014
ensure children's safety on the premises by conducting thorough risk assessments that effectively identify and minimise hazards to children, with particular regard to low-level sockets and fire safety equipment and procedures	27/06/2014	05/09/2014
ensure that fresh drinking water is available and accessible to children at all times	27/06/2014	05/09/2014
ensure that an appropriate first-aid certificate is obtained (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	31/07/2014	
keep and implement a 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)	31/07/2014	05/09/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	31/07/2014	05/09/2014
ensure that an appropriate first-aid certificate is obtained (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	31/07/2014	

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ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	31/07/2014	05/09/2014
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