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Our Reference 137671

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jennifer Devine, monitored your provision on 04/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 28/05/2014, 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 met with yourself and discussed the action you have taken to address the issues raised at your last inspection. She held discussions with you and spoke to the local authority advisor on the telephone. She looked at a range of documentation, including the improvement action plan, the Disclosure Barring Services checks for all adults and attendance records.

The inspector found that you have welcomed the support from the local authority and with their help, you have developed an action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. The local authority advisor expressed confidence in your ability to improve practice and stated she could see that improvements have taken place.

You informed the inspector that you have made sure that Ofsted are informed of all adults living or working on the premises, and this has ensured that a Disclosure and Barring Services check is completed. You informed the inspector that you now understand the importance of notifying Ofsted if any new assistants were to be employed so that suitability checks can be completed. You also informed the inspector that you are aware that anyone not checked must not be left alone with minded children.

You confirmed that you had taken action to ensure that the ratios are always met and ensure that you work with up to two assistants, depending on the number of children attending. The inspector looked at your attendance records and this confirmed that you are meeting the adult to child ratios. You informed the inspector that you have improved the risk assessment for outings to ensure that the adult-to-

child ratio is also met outside the home.

You confirmed that you are aware of always being present in the home when children are being cared for, and you have obtained parents written permission for allowing the assistants to collect children from school. You confirmed that one assistant is waiting to complete her first-aid training and that she is not left alone with children presently.

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 |
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| ensure that the correct adult to child ratios are maintained at all times, as defined in the Early Years Foundation Stage, including when working with an assistant, and include any other children who the childminder or assistant is responsible for in the ratios | 29/06/2014 | 02/06/2014 |
| provide information to Ofsted regarding all people living or working on the premises in order that Ofsted can carry out suitability checks | 15/06/2014 | 02/06/2014 |
| ensure people whose suitability has not been checked do not have unsupervised access to children | 15/06/2014 | 04/09/2014 |
| improve the risk assessment for outings by taking account of the adult to child ratios when taking children out in a vehicle, to promote children's safety | 29/05/2014 | 02/06/2014 |
| ensure the childminder is present on the premises at all times when childcare is being provided unless they have prior written approval from Ofsted to be absent for short periods of time while another suitable person cares for the children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 15/06/2014 | 02/06/2014 |
| put in place effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children, which must include obtaining a Disclosure and Barring Service check through Ofsted (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 15/06/2014 | 04/09/2014 |
| put in place effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children, which must include obtaining a Disclosure and Barring Service check through Ofsted | 15/06/2014 | 02/06/2014 |

(voluntary part of the Childcare Register)

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| ensure the childminder is present on the premises at all times when childcare is being provided unless they have prior written approval from Ofsted to be absent for short periods of time while another suitable person cares for the children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register) | 15/06/2014 | 02/06/2014 |
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| ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) | 15/06/2014 | 04/09/2014 |
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| ensure that any person having unsupervised contact with children is suitable to be in regular contact with children and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check has been obtained through Ofsted in respect of that person (voluntary part of the Childcare Register) | 15/06/2014 | 04/09/2014 |
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