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Our Reference 114353

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Cheryl Walker, monitored your provision on 21/08/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 25/06/2014, 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 requirements notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Child Protection and Information and records. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 19 August 2014.

During the monitoring visit of 21 August 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the welfare requirement notice and the notice to improve. You were not caring for children on the day of the visit. You explained that you had reviewed your safeguarding policies and that these were current and up to date. You recognised that there had been a weakness in the safeguarding procedure and you advised that you are now more aware of your responsibilities in regard to passing information to relevant agencies where there are safeguarding concerns.

You have also reviewed the information you collect from parents at the start of a placement and ensured all records are up to date.

You told the inspector that a new playhouse for the garden area had been purchased, which will be used to assist in introducing literacy into the outdoors. You were able to discuss how you intend to use this area, by having books and letter displays available. You have initiated support from the Early Years Team in looking at ways to increase the language and literacy opportunities throughout your setting and have welcomed the ideas put forward, many of which are already in use.

You have considered children's individual interests when purchasing new resources,

to encourage and develop enthusiasm in their use of books and the written word. Discussion has taken place with parents to ensure consistency in approach and you are supporting parents with necessary appointments to support children's future development.

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
improve planning, so that it identifies children's next steps and outlines how gaps in children's learning will be addressed, with particular regard to increasing opportunities for literacy throughout the setting.	08/08/2014	21/08/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (Compulsory part of Childcare Register)	08/08/2014	21/08/2014
ensure that children receiving childcare are kept safe from harm (Voluntary part of Childcare Register)	08/08/2014	21/08/2014