

Our Reference EY436949

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Christine Armstrong, monitored your provision on 10/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 15/05/2014, 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 discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She also spoke to a representative from the local authority. The inspector looked at your risk assessments. She conducted a safety check on the parts of the home used for childminding, including the outdoor area. She also looked at your first-aid certificates, daily registers and policies and procedures.

The inspector found that you have been very proactive to address the actions set at your last inspection, in order to improve outcomes for children. You are working directly and liaising with the local early years advisor, who comments on the open approach you have demonstrated in driving improvements. You and your assistants have undertaken training in first aid. As a result, there is always at least one person on outings who has a current paediatric first-aid certificate. You are maintaining a daily record of each child's hours of attendance. This is contributing to ensuring the safe and efficient management of the setting. You have worked in partnership with parents to ensure that children do not arrive at you home while you or your assistants are off the premises taking children to school. As a result, the correct adult-to-child ratios are maintained, in order to meet the needs of all children on the premises.

The inspector found that you have implemented a procedure for the safe use of mobile phones and cameras, which is helping to safeguard children and have made relevant information available to parents, in writing. You have undertaken a risk assessment and you conduct daily safety checks. This is helping you to identify and minimise aspects of the environment which pose a risk to children, which is

improving children's safety. The inspector found that you are promoting the good health of children by establishing hand-washing routines for them. You also talk more to children about the importance of hand washing, particularly before they eat and after playing outdoors.

The inspector found that you are working towards ensuring children who speak English as an additional language are given opportunities to develop and use their home language in your home. You have obtained resources, such as dual language books. However, you have found that this type of resource is not resulting in supporting children to develop and use their home language. You are meeting with a representative from the local authority to explore and implement other strategies. This includes developing stronger partnership working with parents so that they can assist you in developing opportunities for children to use their home language.

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 the adult-to-child ratios meet the needs of all children on the premises, particularly when children are being taken to and from school	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
maintain a daily record of each child's hours of attendance to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting and to make sure the needs of all children are met	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
ensure that risk assessment is used to identify aspects of the environment which pose a risk to children and ensure that steps are taken to minimise identified risks	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
ensure children who speak English as an additional language are given opportunities to develop and use their home language in the setting alongside additional support to develop their use of the English language	16/06/2014	12/09/2014
promote the good health of children by taking necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, for example, by ensuring good personal hygiene routines are implemented consistently by the childminder and the children themselves	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
ensure safeguarding procedures fully protect children and include a procedure for the safe use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
ensure there is always at least one person on outings who has a current paediatric first-aid certificate.	16/07/2014	12/09/2014
keep and implement an effective 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	16/06/2014	12/09/2014

of the Childcare Register)

ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
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keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
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keep and implement an effective 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)	16/06/2014	12/09/2014
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ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
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keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	16/05/2014	12/09/2014
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