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Our Reference 147750

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

An Ofsted inspector, Gillian Karen Joseph, monitored your provision on 23/07/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

### **Outcome of monitoring**

As a result of our inspection on 09/06/2014, 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 requirement notice required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment and Risk assessment. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 23 June 2014.

During the monitoring visit of 23 July 2014 the inspector observed and discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve and the action taken by you to comply with the welfare requirements notice. In particular the inspector considered the actions taken by you in respect of the improvements which were due for completion on or before 4 July 2014. The improvements required by the later date of 5 August 2014 were not assessed at this visit. The inspector toured the premises with you, both indoors and outdoors. She checked your documentation specifically the documentation which related to the areas of improvement. The inspector spoke with other members of your household and also offered you the option of having your early years development officer present, you decided that this was not necessary.

The inspector found that toys were in good condition and well organised. You have improved the standard of hygiene and cleanliness of the resources and equipment used indoors, but had not yet ensured that the outdoor play equipment such as the play houses are clean and suitable for use. New easy to clean flooring has been laid in the living room and the kitchen worktops and surfaces have been cleaned and reorganised. The general cleanliness of the downstairs area had improved and as a result the areas used by children were clean and free from clutter. However the

inspector found that the upstairs of the premises had not yet been cleaned and organised to the same standard and therefore continued to pose a potential health and safety risk. You acknowledged that there was still work to be done and that you were working to ensure that steps are taken to improve the upstairs and outdoor play equipment.

You have reviewed your risk assessment procedure and had conducted and recorded an annual risk assessment dated 4 July 2014. Furthermore you have introduced a daily risk assessment which is completed for the ground floor of the house where childminding takes place; it does not include the upstairs rooms which are not used for childminding. The risk assessments have helped you to identify and monitor the general safety and cleanliness of the downstairs rooms but you did not identify the potential hazards in the garden such as fallen fruit from the plum tree or the lack of cleanliness of the play houses. Neither did you pick up on potential hazards posed by the poor organisation and cleanliness of the upstairs rooms. This means that the risk assessments have not helped to ensure that risks are sufficiently reduced to promote children's safety.

There were no minded children present during the inspector's visit and therefore your interactions with children were not observed. Nonetheless you were able to show the inspector some of the written observations you have completed since your inspection and the planning which you have put in place to support children's learning. The timescales for the completion of the notices relating to learning and development had not expired; this will therefore be considered at the next monitoring visit.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that the childminder has not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

### **Next steps**

The next step will be further monitoring.

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 systems for risk assessment identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed or minimised	04/07/2014	
ensure that premises are fit for purpose; in particular that the premises and equipment are clean and hygienic	04/07/2014	
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises. Ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	04/07/2014	
undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises. Ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	04/07/2014	
improve the system for observations and assessments to identify the learning that has taken place in all areas of learning, and to plan next steps in children's learning, in order to provide challenging and stimulating activities	05/08/2014	
ensure there are suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of food and drink for children	04/07/2014	
improve knowledge of how to help children to increase their communication and language skills as well as possible by talking aloud, describing what children are doing and encouraging them to	05/08/2014	

comment on their play activities

ensure the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable (compulsory part of the Childcare Register) 24/06/2014

ensure the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable (voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 24/06/2014