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Our Reference 147750

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Gillian Karen Joseph, monitored your provision on 08/10/2014 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. A previous monitoring visit, completed on 23 July 2014, found that you had not taken prompt and effective action to meet all the identified requirements and therefore a further monitoring visit was required.

During the monitoring visit of 08 October 2014 the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the welfare requirement notice and notice to improve. She observed you with your minded child and the interaction between you. The inspector checked the organisation of the premises both indoors and outdoors. In addition she sampled your documentation including your risk assessments, and child observations and planning. The inspector offered you the option of having your early years development officer present, you decided that this was not necessary.

The inspector found that you had maintained the general cleanliness and organisation of the ground floor of the premises. In addition you had improved the standard of safety and cleanliness of the upstairs rooms and as a result had reduced the potential health and safety risks which were previously of concern. Furthermore you had taken steps to reduce the risks identified in the garden by disposing of fallen fruits and general garden debris. You explained that you continue to monitor the safety of the garden and your written risk assessments show that garden safety is part of your regular risk assessment.

Risk assessments are completed daily and include all areas accessible to children. Written risk assessments show that you have identified potential risks both indoors and outdoors and you have taken action to minimise the risks. Your improved vigilance and monitoring of safety has helped to improve and maintain a cleaner, organised and safer environment which positively contributes to children's play and learning experience.

The inspector observed the warm interaction between you and your minded child. You were aware of the child's care and learning needs and supported her growing independence and play by explaining what was going to happen next, sharing ideas with her and encouraging her to extend her thinking by asking her opinion and views. An example of how you encouraged her to extend her thinking was observed during a play activity where you asked her relevant questions about the construction that she was making with the building blocks. You have started to undertake assessments of the completed observations and you have used the assessments to plan linked next steps. This development in practice is in the early stages and you are becoming more confident in planning next steps based on the child's interests and your assessments.

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 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	08/10/2014
ensure that premises are fit for purpose; in particular that the premises and equipment are clean and hygienic	04/07/2014	08/10/2014
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	08/10/2014
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	08/10/2014
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	08/10/2014
ensure there are suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of food and drink for children	04/07/2014	08/10/2014
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	08/10/2014

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	08/10/2014
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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	08/10/2014
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