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Our Reference EY416315

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Kamaljit Kaur Jandu, monitored your provision on 03/03/2015 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 26/11/2014, 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: Suitable people, Risk assessments and Staff training, support, quality and skills. We also sent you a notice to improve which required you to comply with the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage under the following requirements: Information about the provider and Premises. Additionally, you were required to make improvements in relation to the learning and development aspects of care for children. The steps you were required to take were detailed in full in the notice sent to you on 8 December 2014.

During the monitoring visit of 17 December 2014 the inspector found that you had not taken prompt and effective action and a further monitoring visit was scheduled.

During the monitoring visit of 3 March 2015 the inspector discussed with you the steps you had taken to address the actions raised in the notices to improve. She observed you working with the children and viewed the resources and activities available to children. The inspector viewed the premises and looked at your attendance records and the information you obtain about the children in order to plan for their care. She also spoke to you about the support you have obtained from a representative from the local authority.

The inspector found that you have begun to address some of the actions raised, and you have given some consideration to how you are going to tackle all the areas which were identified as needing to improve at your last inspection.

The inspector found that you are employing a new assistant who will begin work

when checks have been completed. You told the inspector that you have spoken to both of your assistants about their role and responsibilities in implementing the EYFS, and you plan to undertake supervision with your assistants to identify the areas where they require more support. However, this has not yet been implemented for the current assistant.

You said that you and the assistants have now attended training in observation, assessment and planning, and you have met with a representative from the local authority. However you have not used this learning and support to help you to ensure children are well supported in their learning. You have still not yet gathered information about children's starting points in order to identify the support required to help them make progress in all areas of learning. You have started to undertake observations of children but have not yet evaluated them to identify next steps in their learning. You have begun to support children in their developing independence, for example, children are now beginning to be taught about how to wash their hands in the bathroom. Parents are informed of the activities children take part in, but detailed information regarding their child's strengths and any areas where their development is less than expected is not yet provided. Plans are in place to regularly involve parents in their children's learning and to support and enhance children's learning and development at home.

You have taken some action to remove or minimise the risks to children's safety that were identified at the last monitoring visit, but you have not identified risks that have arisen since. For example, during the monitoring visit on 3 March 2015, the floor in the playroom, where young children play, was not sufficiently clean and had debris of food and other items left on it. These can cause a hazard to young children. This means that reasonable steps to ensure children's health and safety have not been taken.

You have sectioned off a small area in the garden for children to play in, and you have given some consideration to maximising the learning potential for children during outdoor play and during outings.

Following the visit, we issued a further notice to improve which required you to:

3.54 ensure that the premises are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for, with specific reference to ensuring the floors where young children play are of a suitable state of cleanliness and hygiene.

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you have not taken prompt and effective action to address the points for improvement.

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 a full inspection.

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 premises are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
observe, assess and plan appropriately for all children to ensure they make the best possible progress in all areas of learning	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
improve the learning experiences for every child by providing a range of suitable resources across all areas of learning and ensuring that children can make choices	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure that all staff working with children have suitable skills, training and experience to care for children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable to do so (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure access to appropriate outdoor space, or where this is not practicable, reasonable arrangements must be made for activities to take place outdoors (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of childcare are safe and suitable to do so (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure that all persons working with children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their roles	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
ensure that risks to children's safety are identified and measures put in place to immediately remove these hazards to	16/12/2014	03/03/2015

minimise any potential danger

obtain the following information for each child that is cared for, including date of birth; name and address of every parent and/or carer who is known to the provider (and information about any other person who has parental responsibility for the child); which parents and/or carers the child normally lives with to ensure all required information is available to provide appropriate care	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
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keep records of the following and retain them for two years: the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises; the name, home address and telephone number of a parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
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establish a two-way flow of information between parents and carers, to regularly involve them in their children's learning and to enhance children's learning and development at home.	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
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ensure that outdoor activities are planned and undertaken on a daily basis, in order to fully promote children's development, physical well-being and support them in taking supervised risks within their play	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
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maintain a daily record of the names of children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance	16/12/2014	17/12/2014
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implement a system of supervision, to	16/12/2014	03/03/2015
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ensure that any persons working with children and families are effectively supported to do so and have the necessary training, skills and knowledge to provide all children with appropriate care and education

3.54 ensure that their premises are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for, with specific reference to ensuring the floors where young children play are of a suitable state of cleanliness and hygiene 20/03/2015