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Our Reference 219642

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Kelly Eyre, monitored your provision on 02/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 09/12/2013, we sent you a notice to improve. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

During the monitoring visit the inspector talked with you about the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She observed activities and your interaction with children. She looked at the daily record of children's attendance and observed routine hygiene procedures. The inspector also looked at your written policies and procedures and children's assessment records. In addition, the inspector talked with the local authority Early Years Adviser about the support you have received.

The inspector found that you have welcomed the support offered by your Early Years Adviser in order to aid you in addressing the issues raised at your last inspection. The inspector also found that you have a clear process to evaluate your daily practice and the impact this has on the provision for children. This has supported you in addressing the identified areas for improvement and in helping to ensure that any improvements are sustainable.

You have adopted a positive attitude to improving your knowledge of the requirements of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. You have worked with the Early Years Adviser on this and have also carried out your own reading and research. This has enabled you to make sure that you meet all requirements with regard to informing Ofsted of significant incidents or changes. As a result, children's welfare is now better promoted as the suitability of all adults is confirmed and all legal requirements are met.

The development of your knowledge of the legal requirements has also meant that you are now able to ensure that correct adult-to-child ratios are maintained at all times. You took immediate action with regard to this by reducing the number of children you care for and reorganising children's attendance patterns. This means

that children's safety and welfare are promoted and you have time to ensure that their needs are consistently met.

By maintaining the required ratios, you are now able to ensure that children's personal needs relating to good health and hygiene are appropriately met. The review of your daily procedures for this area has meant that routine practices, such as washing hands before eating and helping young children to maintain good personal hygiene, are now embedded in the routine and carried out consistently. This means that the spread of infection is minimised and children's overall health is, therefore, promoted.

The assessment and planning procedures have been reviewed and now clearly show how children are supported on an individual basis. Assessments are used to record children's progress and to inform the planning of further activities that relate to each child's interests and needs and so promote their development. The daily planning procedures support you in adapting activities so that they suit each child. They also enable you to plan ahead to ensure that each child is offered individual time with you so that you can extend their play and learning. This area is further supported through the reduction in the number of children and the maintenance of correct ratios, thereby allowing more time for each of the children present.

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

Lorna Fitzjohn
National Director, Childminding

Actions

Action	Due date	Closed date
ensure that safe, legal ratios of adults to children, as set out in the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, are maintained at all times	31/12/2013	02/04/2014
meet children's personal needs for good health and hygiene promotion in a timely manner to reduce the spread of infection	31/12/2013	02/04/2014
improve the quality of teaching in all areas of the curriculum by ensuring that children have adequate individual time and attention to fully extend upon their learning	31/12/2013	02/04/2014
improve knowledge of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements in particular respect to ensuring that significant incidents or changes are reported to Ofsted.	31/12/2013	02/04/2014
inform Ofsted of changes in circumstance no later than 14 days after the change occurs (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	31/12/2013	02/04/2014
inform Ofsted of changes in circumstance no later than 14 days after the change occurs (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	31/12/2013	02/04/2014