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Our Reference 504405

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, S Campbell, monitored your provision on 27/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 10/04/2014, 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 unless we have already verified that they have been completed.

During the monitoring visit the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised at your last inspection. She observed children's observation and assessment developmental records, risk assessment records, policies and procedures. The inspector observed areas used for the preparation of food and the supervision of children, both indoors and outdoors. The inspector also discussed strategies for managing children's behaviour, the methods used to support children who speak English as an additional language and processes for developing reflective practice.

The inspector found that children are supervised at all times and appropriate safety measures are in place for the use of large outdoor equipment. For example you have placed rubber mats under the equipment. The inspector found the secure risk assessments of the garden are undertaken to identify and minimise potential hazards. The inspector observed that the safeguarding procedure have been reviewed to include the use of mobile phone and cameras, and a poster detailing this is clearly displayed for parents to see. The inspector found that observation and assessments records are in place and used to track and support children's learning and development given their starting points. The inspector observed that areas used for food preparation are hygienic. The inspector found that you have worked with the local authority to put processes in place to manage children's behaviour and to support children who speak English as an additional language. You now use a 'Picture Exchange Communication System' to help children develop a sound understanding of the routine and enable them to communicate their wants, needs and feelings. The inspector found that you have an understanding of the benefits of

reflecting on your practice to identify your strengths and weaknesses. You are developing systems that help you identify the areas for improvement to promote positive outcomes for children. Therefore, you demonstrated a sound capacity to maintain continuous improvement, and the inspector is of the opinion that you have taken prompt and effective action to address the issues raised at the last inspection.

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
develop the use of observations, assessment and planning to identify children's current stages of learning and development and use this information to provide suitable challenges for all children to help them make progress in relation to their starting points	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
ensure children are supervised at all times to ensure their safety, particularly when in the garden; ensuring that there is suitable safety equipment to protect them when playing on play equipment, such as climbing frames and the trampoline	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
ensure that risk assessments cover all possible hazards which children come into contact with, with particular regards to the garden	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
ensure that behaviour is managed consistently and that children are supported to learn how to manage their own behaviour	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
develop strategies for communicating with children and parents who learn English an additional language	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
review safeguarding procedures to include the use of mobile phones by parents and the childminder's family	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
ensure that there is an area which has suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of healthy and balanced food for children	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
develop reflective practice to identify strengths and priorities for development that will improve the care and learning opportunities for children	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
ensure that the premises and equipment	18/05/2014	27/06/2014

used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable for childcare (compulsory part of the Childcare register)

ensure that the premises and equipment used for the purposes of the childcare are safe and suitable for childcare (voluntary part of the Childcare register)	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
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ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner (compulsory part of the Childcare register)	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
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ensure that children's behaviour is managed in a suitable manner (voluntary part of the Childcare register)	18/05/2014	27/06/2014
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