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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Brenda Flewitt, monitored your provision on 04/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 08/07/2014, 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.

During the monitoring visit, the inspector discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She talked to your assistant, checked your registration certificate, and looked at your safeguarding policy and a sample of children's progress records.

The inspector found that you have welcomed support from the local authority representative and started to address the actions raised at your last inspection. The inspector found that you have obtained a new certificate of registration and displayed it in the entrance hall, where it is clear for parents to see.

You have reviewed and updated the information in your safeguarding policy, in particular with regard to procedures in the event of allegations made against you. This information now contains relevant contact numbers. You have discussed the procedures to follow with your assistant, so that she is now clear on the steps she must take in the event of concerns. This promotes you and your assistant to follow the correct procedures to promote children's safety and help protect them from harm.

You have started to update the records you keep of children's progress in their learning and development. You explained how you observe children's play, and how you use child development guidance to identify their stage of development. You report that you share this information with parents to agree next steps. You are aware that the record of your observations and next steps need to be more detailed and focussed to be useful in order to help you promote children's good progress. You have welcomed suggestions from your local authority advisor and plan to attend

information workshops and/or training to help you improve your skills in observation and planning. You also plan to meet with other childminders to seek advice on good practice in this area of childcare.

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
provide suitable training to assistants to ensure their knowledge of procedures, in particular to safeguard children	01/08/2014	04/09/2014
ensure detailed observations are consistently completed for all children and used successfully to identify children's next steps in learning according to their age and stage of development so that meaningful activities can be planned	01/08/2014	04/02/2014
obtain a certificate of registration from Ofsted and display it at the setting for parents to see	01/08/2014	04/09/2014
inform Ofsted of changes of circumstance within 14 days (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	01/08/2014	04/09/2014
inform Ofsted of changes of circumstance within 14 days (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	01/08/2014	04/09/2014
display the certificate of registration (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	01/08/2014	04/09/2014
display the certificate of registration(voluntary part of the Childcare Register).	01/08/2014	04/09/2014