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Our Reference EY380147

Monitoring for provision judged as satisfactory

An Ofsted inspector, Esther Gray, monitored your provision on 04/04/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be satisfactory.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 28/01/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. The actions you were set are included at the end of this letter.

To improve the quality of education and care for children you were required to: improve knowledge of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure compliance with the ratio requirements; ensure permission is obtained from parents to administer each medication so that children received medication safely and that written records are kept of accident or injuries and first aid treatment administered; promote children's welfare by ensuring that required documentation is maintained. This is with specific regard to records that detail their full name, date-of-birth and address, their dietary needs, the address of every parent and/or carer who is known and their emergency contact details; keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after and their hours of attendance and display the certificate of registration and ensure the daily experience of children in the early years and the overall quality of the provision meets children's individual care and learning needs, and improve knowledge and skills of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

In addition to these actions, we issued a further notice to improve which required you to take action by 28 March 2014 to: improve the planning of challenging and enjoyable learning experiences for all children through planned, purposeful play and by offering activities that help children to develop their critical thinking skills. In addition, ensure assessments are accurate to support children's next steps; ensure confidential information and records about parents and children are held securely and are only accessible and available to those who have a right or professional need to see them; display the certificate of registration in the premises on which childcare is provided and keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after and their hours of attendance. Some of these actions were repeated where they also require action to meet the compulsory part of the Childcare Register.

On the 30 January 2014, shortly after the full inspection had taken place, a concern

was raised with Ofsted about the number of children you were seen out with during times when children are taken to school or collected from school and safety and supervision whilst on outings. During the monitoring visit carried out on 4 April 2014 it was found that all actions required to meet the welfare requirement notice and notice to improve had been met. The missing documents had been retrieved and were now in place. This means that learning journals now demonstrate how you meet the learning needs of children and record their progress. The other missing documents now produced for this monitoring visit demonstrate that permissions are obtained from parents and carers appropriately and all records for the safe management of the childcare setting are in place. This includes the up-to-date records of children's attendance. You were able to describe how the children wear bright vests to indicate which children you are responsible for to also help to develop safety whilst on outings. You also explained that a number of childminders walk together between schools on collection or whilst dropping children off. As a result of examining records of attendance and considering the number of children on roll it was found that adult to child ratio's for older children were met.

You have also demonstrated to the inspector that you have upgraded your knowledge about the Statutory framework, within the Early Years Foundation Stage, in terms of numbers and ages of children you may care for. You produced a copy letter which was sent to Ofsted to update Ofsted about the changes to the members of the household. Due to previous errors made by you, in your interpretation of the requirements of the framework, you continue to have four children for part of the three days when the fourth child attends, including your own children. For the benefit of the continuity of care for these children you have demonstrated how the needs of the children will be met for a short period of time. You also confirmed that the numbers of children being cared for will be regularised as soon as any one child moves on or reaches the next age band and that no increase in numbers of children will be made without reference to the Statutory Framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage in future. It was confirmed that at no time did the total number of children being cared for in the early years age range and those attending as part of the compulsory part of the childcare register exceed six children. You are not registered on the voluntary part of the general child care register. Nevertheless some children in attendance are aged over the age of eight years. Immediate steps were taken to meet the requirements and the actions examined during the monitoring visit were found to be met.

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.

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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
improve knowledge of the Statutory Framework for the WRN:Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure compliance with the ratio requirements	28/03/2014	04/04/2014
WRN:ensure permission is obtained from parents to administer each medication so that children receive medication safely and that written records are kept of accident or injuries	28/03/2014	04/04/2014
WRN: ensure the daily experience of children in the early years and the overall quality of the provision meets the children's individual needs, and improve knowledge and skills of the Early Years Foundation Stage	28/03/2014	04/04/2014
WRN: promote children's welfare by ensuring that required documentation is maintained. This is with specific regard to records that detail their full name, date of birth and address, their dietary needs the address of every parent and /or carer who is known and their emergency contact details	28/03/2014	04/04/2014