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Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Melanie Arnold, monitored your provision on 10/02/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 20/11/2013, 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 discussed with you the steps you have taken to address the actions raised in the notice to improve. She looked around the home at the areas used for childminding, noting the accessibility of the toys and resources to children. The inspector spoke with you to ascertain your understanding of how you use the characteristics of effective teaching and learning to support children's development. She discussed how you observe and assess children's progress and use this information to inform planning of future activities. The inspector also looked at records and documents including childcare record forms, contracts, medication and accident records.

The inspector found that you have a satisfactory understanding of child development and the characteristics of effective teaching and learning, using these to support children's development through an appropriate range of hands-on learning experiences. You refer to current guidance materials when observing and assessing children's progress, using these documents to identify and plan some appropriate next steps to promote children's skills and knowledge within the seven areas of learning. You explained how you are planning to introduce a new computerised observational assessment system to provide you with more detailed and accurate information on children's progress from their starting points.

The inspector found that you obtain and keep all required personal information about children, including their name, address and emergency contact details. You now ensure this information is obtained on children before they start in your care to ensure their needs are met. You protect children's well-being by maintaining documentation for the use of your car, including a current insurance certificate which covers you for business purposes. You obtain written permission to administer medication to children and you are planning to record more detailed information

about when the mediation is administered. You also now maintain a record of accidents and are again planning to further enhance the range of information recorded to include more details about the injuries sustained and the treatment administered. This will further ensure the health and safety of children.

The inspector looked around at the areas used for childminding and she noted that a good range of toys and resources are stored within the designated play room to provide children with easy access to them. You confirmed that you provide opportunities throughout the day for children to freely choose and access their own play resources, detailing how you then build-on their interests as you engage in their chosen play.

You demonstrated that you have a satisfactory understanding of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. You detailed how you are developing a process of self-evaluation and are seeking the support of a local authority advisor to support you in continuing to develop your practice and procedures as you are committed to make and sustain improvements in all areas.

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
keep a written record of all accidents or injuries and first-aid treatment.	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises, and the name, home address and telephone number of the parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding the name, home address and date of birth of each child who is looked after on the premises, and the name, home address and telephone number of the parent/guardian/carer of each child who is looked after on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding, any accidents which occur on the premises where childcare is provided (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding, any accidents which occur on the premises where childcare is provided (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding any medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises, including the date and circumstances and who administered it, including medicine which the child is permitted to self-administer, together with a record of a parent/guardian/carer's consent (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure relevant records are kept regarding any medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises, including the date and	27/11/2013	10/02/2014

circumstances and who administered it, including medicine which the child is permitted to self-administer, together with a record of a parent/guardian/carer's consent (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

ensure the following information for each child is in place: full name; 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 parent(s) and/or carer(s) the child normally lives with; and emergency contact details for parents and/or carers	27/11/2013	10/02/2014
ensure robust observations of children's learning are undertaken and assess their progress across the seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development, using this information to plan the next steps in learning for each child so that they make good progress	04/12/2013	10/02/2014
increase understanding of the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure that children learn, develop and are kept healthy and safe	04/12/2013	10/02/2014
reflect on the different ways that children learn and understand and how to consistently implement the characteristics of effective teaching and learning in practice	04/12/2013	10/02/2014
provide evidence that the vehicles in which children are transported, and the driver of those vehicles, are adequately insured and are suitable for use	04/12/2013	10/02/2014
ensure that written permission is obtained from the child's parent and/or carer before administering medication	27/11/2013	10/02/2014