

Our Reference EY425277

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jacqueline Mason, monitored your provision on 26/09/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 25/07/2014, 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 observed activities in your lounge and viewed written records about children's learning and development, including the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years. The inspector looked at attendance records, your record of complaints and your procedure for managing the use of mobile telephones and cameras in your setting. She also had a discussion with a representative from the local authority.

You stated that you have received support from the local authority and they have worked with you to develop a comprehensive action plan to address the issues raised at your last inspection. This has enabled you to accurately identify how to address the areas for improvement and to plan for on-going improvement. You explained that you regularly review the action plan, add to it and consider the impact of the changes you have made on children. You stated that you have found that your childminding setting now offers a richer experience for children and that the children benefit from good quality, purposeful time spent with them. You explained that you understand the importance of meeting the legal requirement, to ensure that ratios are maintained at all times. You pay due regard to the number of children you are legally able to care for at any one time. This supports you to provide effective supervision for the children and ensure that their needs are met. You now maintain a daily record of the names of children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.

You explained how you have put in place effective systems for establishing children's starting points when they first start at the childminding setting. As a result, you know

where each child is in their learning and plan effectively for their next steps. You have taken good steps to improve how you apply the learning and development requirements in your daily practice. The inspector found that you use the information gained from the evaluation of your observations of children as they play, to identify their next steps and plan for each child's learning and development across the seven areas of learning. Activities observed during the visit were interesting and challenging for the children. You explained how you now understand the importance of the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years and have taken the necessary steps to implement this check. The findings have been shared with parents.

The inspector found that you understand the importance of implementing a procedure for the use of mobile phones and cameras, in order to safeguard children's well-being. There are now clear notices showing that mobile phones must not be used in the childminding setting and the policy has been shared with parents. As a result, children's welfare is safeguarded. You demonstrated how you maintain a written record of complaints and concerns, including their outcomes. This record is available to Ofsted.

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 a greater knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how to apply them in daily practice, in order to appropriately provide for children's welfare and support their learning and development	31/10/2014	26/09/2014
ensure the ratios are maintained at all times by having regard to the number of children cared for in order to provide effective supervision, ensure that children's needs are met and protect their safety	28/07/2014	26/09/2014
implement a procedure for managing the use of mobile telephones and cameras within the childminder's home	01/08/2014	26/09/2014
ensure written records are kept regarding concerns and complaints, and their outcomes	01/08/2014	26/09/2014
improve children's learning and development by establishing children's starting points and assessing each child's progress across all seven areas of learning in relation to their age and stage of development and use this information to plan challenging next steps in learning for each child	24/10/2014	26/09/2014
ensure that parents are provided with a short written summary of their child's development in the prime areas when they are aged between two and three years, identifying the child's strengths and any areas where their progress is less than expected	29/08/2014	26/09/2014
maintain a daily record of the names of children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance.	25/07/2014	26/09/2014
keep a written record, for a period of	01/08/2014	26/09/2014

three years, of complaints including the outcome of the investigation and the action the provider took in response (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)

keep a written record, for a period of three years, of complaints including the outcome of the investigation and the action the provider took in response (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	01/08/2014	26/09/2014
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maintain a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and the hours of attendance. (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	28/07/2014	26/09/2014
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maintain a daily record of the names of children looked after on the premises and the hours of attendance. (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	28/07/2014	26/09/2014
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