

Our Reference EY439890

Monitoring for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Jayne Rooke, monitored your provision on 05/06/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 31/03/2014, 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 in the notice to improve. The inspector observed interaction between yourself, your assistant and two children present at the time of the monitoring visit. The inspector also held discussions with you and a representative from the local authority about the progress you have made since the last inspection. The inspector looked at a range of documents to determine how you use observations and assessments to guide and inform your planning. The inspector also spoke to you about your arrangements to monitor children's progress towards the early learning goals, taking into account their individual interests, stage of development and next steps. The inspector also looked at your self-evaluation and risk assessment records, along with your attendance register and other policies. The inspector checked evidence of suitability for yourself and your assistant, the public liability insurance and first aid qualifications.

The inspector found that you have taken a proactive approach to addressing all of the actions raised at the last inspection and have welcomed support from your local authority. As a result, you have made improvements to the quality of children's learning experiences. You have introduced better systems to track and monitor each child's progress across all areas of learning and to help you identify their next steps and to quickly respond to their individual interests. You have introduced a wider range of age-appropriate activities to meet the needs and interests of the age range of children attending. As a result, children now enjoy better quality learning experiences which match their learning styles. For example, children present at the monitoring visit were observed playing with the available toys in the ball pool and

being actively engaged in challenging and enjoyable creative activities. They remained under close supervision of a responsible adult at all times and their routine needs were well attended to. You have demonstrated that you now make better use of children's art work to develop their sensory awareness. You display colourful materials to attract children's attention to decorative shiny discs and collage mobiles, which move around as they hang from the ceiling. You make better links to planned projects such as 'under the sea' and 'all about me' to promote children's understanding and creativity. Your assistant engages children's interest and enjoyment in age-appropriate stories, rhymes and songs, which stimulate children's literacy and creative development. Children respond with interested smiles and enthusiastic body movements and actions as they join in with varied activities and play. Consequently, all areas of learning and development are suitably promoted.

Since the last inspection, you have appointed a new assistant and now ensure that supervision arrangements are consistent and complement the number of children in attendance. This means that they receive the support they need to remain safe and to take part in a wide range of activities. In addition, you undertake appropriate vetting procedures to ensure that your assistant is suitable to work with children and has relevant qualifications and experience in childcare and education. You also understand the requirement to inform Ofsted of changes regarding your forthcoming maternity leave. You have also identified further training opportunities through the local authority and have taken steps to ensure that first-aid qualifications remain current. You display relevant information and documents for parents to see including an up-to-date public liability insurance certificate. You keep other documents such as Disclosure and Barring Service checks and risk assessment records in an appropriate manner, so that they are easily accessible and are available for inspection. You have taken appropriate steps to identify risks and hazards in your home and outdoors and have decided to remove the trampoline, so that it no longer poses a high risk to children's safety. You keep relevant safety information for reference, so that you are well informed of safety procedures in line with recommended guidelines for the safe use of play equipment. You keep a better record of children's daily attendance as you have introduced a colour coded scheme to show the expected and actual times of children's arrival and departure. In addition, you have introduced an interactive registration system so that children and parents are now more involved in registering their daily attendance. Consequently, you are now able to demonstrate that correct ratios are maintained at all times and the requirements for the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register are 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.

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
ensure that staffing arrangements meets the needs of all children	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
improve the risk assessment of the trampoline so that it fully promotes children's safety, taking into account any recommended guidelines, and that this is consistently implemented	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
ensure that records are easily accessible and available for inspection and demonstrate that public liability insurance has been obtained and is in place	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
maintain a daily record of children's hours of attendance to promote their safety	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
develop further the assessment of children's progress, to understand their needs, level of achievement, interests and learning styles	30/06/2014	05/06/2014
ensure that the planning of activities takes into account children's individual needs, interests and stage of development and provides a challenging and enjoyable experience to support their learning and development.	30/06/2014	05/06/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
keep a daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and	14/04/2014	05/06/2014

their hours of attendance (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)

ensure that insurance is in place to cover liability incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).	14/04/2014	05/06/2014
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