

Our Reference EY449607

Monitoring for provision judged as satisfactory

An Ofsted inspector, Ruth Howard, monitored your provision on 14/05/2014 following your inspection where the provision was judged to be satisfactory.

Outcome of monitoring

As a result of our inspection on 11/02/2014, we sent you a welfare requirements notice. 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.

The Welfare Requirement Notice required you to:

increase resources that reflect today's diverse society to help children gain a better understanding of the wider world and help children to value and respect others;

ensure that the system for risk assessment is fully effective, this includes sharp scissors and in relation to the dog food and access the dog has to area's where children play, sleep and eat;

maintain a written record of any accident or injury and first aid treatment to a child and ensure parents are informed of all accidents or injuries sustained to their child.

In addition a Notice of Actions to Improve was sent which required you to:

gain a secure understanding of the safeguarding, welfare and learning and development requirements of the revised Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children's learning, development and well-being effectively;

develop the educational programme to ensure that all area's of learning are covered in a balanced way, appropriate for the ages and stages of children and that activities provide sufficient challenge;

ensure you have the necessary skills to manage children's behaviour effectively;

ensure the good health of children attending the setting is promoted at all times and ensure children learn appropriate hygiene routine's;

ensure no medication is administered to a child unless it has been prescribed for that particular child by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist;

ensure that where any medication is administered to a child prior written permission for that particular medication has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer;

ensure that a written record is maintained each time medication is administered to a child and the parents are informed;

maintain records of any medication 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);

maintain records of any accident which occurs on the premises where childcare is provided (compulsory part of the childcare register);

undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the childcare register);

maintain records of any medication 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 (voluntary part of the childcare register);

maintain records of any accident which occurs on the premises where childcare is provided (voluntary part of the childcare register);

undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment and ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the childcare register).

You have increased the resources you have in place that reflect today's diverse society and are utilising these fully to engage children who benefit from this input into their learning and are helped to understand more about the world they live in.

The system for risk assessment has been thoroughly reviewed and is now fully effective. It covers the home environment and activities outside of the home and as a result children are cared for in an environment that helps to keep them safe. You

have a clear understanding of the need to record any accidents or injury's and of the importance of keeping clear and complete records of any medication required, prescribed and administered. Good systems of communication with parents regarding accidents, injuries and about medication are now in place and are effective in further safeguarding children who attend.

Good hygiene routines are in place, children are reminded to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating and children of all ages are helped to understand why this is important in an age appropriate way.

Consistent boundaries are in place and children behave well at the setting, reacting positively to requests you make reminding them to do so. You lead by example by speaking calmly and kindly to children and encouraging this in their interactions with each other. There is a focus on praising children for behaving well and in celebrating their achievements which results in children feeling valued and respected.

You have accessed the support offered by the Local Authority and as a result of this have a clearer knowledge of all aspects of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage which you continue to build on. Children are happy, settled and engaged in their play and positive interaction with them helps to extend their learning. However, this aspect of the care provided can be improved further as you become more confident in your own knowledge and understanding.

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 further monitoring.

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

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