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Outcome of monitoring visit for provision judged as inadequate

An Ofsted inspector, Mark Evans, carried out a monitoring visit of your provision on 03/05/2013. This visit follows on from your inspection where the provision was judged to be inadequate.

Outcome of the visit

As a result of our inspection on 14/03/2013, we sent you a welfare requirements notice.

The actions raised in the welfare requirement notice under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that you implement a behaviour management policy and procedures that consistently help children learn about what is acceptable and how to share toys with others (Managing behaviour).

The actions raised in the notice to improve under the Early Years Foundation Stage Welfare Requirements asked you to: ensure that planning and guiding of children's activities includes effective teaching for the different ways that children learn (The areas of learning and development) and ensure that equipment is safe for children to use, with particular regard to children being safely secured in highchairs when being used (Safety).

Having considered all the evidence, the inspector is of the opinion that at this time you are making satisfactory improvement overall.

Overall effectiveness of the improvement and outcomes for children

At the first monitoring visit on 03 May 2013 the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be completed by 26 April 2013 had been met.

The childminder has high chairs to seat young children whilst they have their meals and snacks. Improvement to children's safety is noted because the provider confirms consistent use of fitted high chair safety restraints so that children are secured within this seating equipment when being used. Risk assessment has also been reviewed

and updated for use of the high chairs to identify hazards and control measures to reduce risk, including use of the fitted safety harness.

The childminder is completing a local authority childcare course which includes promoting children's self esteem and encouraging cooperation. In response to questioning about how to help children to share and develop useful social skills, the childminder states that where there is conflict between children who are unable to share, she explains to them that they need to allow other children to continue in their play with items they have fairly selected. For younger children, the childminder also uses methods such as offering them alternative resources to play with so that they are usefully engaged in play and distracted from the conflict.

The childminder states that further training is being undertaken with the local authority to help compliance with the action to be met by the 31 May 2013, which is to ensure that planning and guiding of children's activities includes effective teaching for the different ways that children learn. This will be checked at the next monitoring visit to assess improvement and ensure that the action has been met.

Although the childminder has children on roll, there were no children present at the time of the monitoring visit due to alterations to the premises, which is for a three week period. Further assessment will be made at the next monitoring visit to check continued improvement to ensure that the care, learning and development needs of children are being met.

Next steps

Having considered all the evidence the inspector is of the opinion that at this time:

- The childminder has made satisfactory progress in addressing the points for improvement. The next visit will be a further monitoring visit.

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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