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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 26/07/2013. 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 second monitoring visit on 26 July 2013, the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that those actions to be completed by 31 May 2013 had been met.

The childminder completes learning journeys for children, which include photographs and some written observational records of what children can do. There is some planning for children's activities, which offer improved clarity for activity provision; although there are some indicators, such as materials and intention, it is not clear as

to which areas of learning and development the planning relates to. The childminder does provide some experiences that allow children to explore and work things out for themselves, such as younger children using tools and utensils to pour and fill in the water play. The childminder was observed to engage warmly with children during their play, although the extending of children's thinking and language is sometimes limited.

The childminder continues to use high chairs to seat young children whilst they have their meals and snacks. The high chairs remain fitted with purpose safety restraints so that children are secured within this seating equipment when being used.

The childminder has completed a local authority childcare course which included promoting children's self esteem and encouraging cooperation. During the visit, the children were noted to receive praise for their efforts and positive behaviour. Although not observed at the time of visit, the childminder reports that strategies to encourage younger children to share and develop useful social skills have been successful and prevent conflict between children who were unable to share.

The next visit will be a monitoring visit. Further assessment will be made at the next visit to inspect continued and sustained improvement.

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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