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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 31/10/2013. 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 third monitoring visit on 31 October 2013, the regulatory inspector found, through observation, discussion and documentation, that all actions continue to be met.

The childminder no longer has care of children who are at an age or stage of development where they need to use a high chair for their meals and snacks. However, the high chairs remain fitted with safety restraints so that children can be secured within this seating equipment when being used. A risk assessment also

remains in place for use of the high chairs.

Children received praise and encouragement for positive behaviours, such as helping to tidy away or for sharing with others. The childminder explains strategies to encourage younger children to share and develop useful social skills. There were no issues of behaviour observed at the time of visit.

The childminder has a learning journey record for each child. This includes photographs and some written observational notes related to what children can do. Pre-planning of activities has increased so that there are some identified adult led experiences for children's learning and development. Planning continues to be developed with clearer use of learning intentions for children's next steps. The childminder provides some experiences that allow children to explore, try things and develop new skills, such as younger child continuing to develop ability with tools and utensils within sand play; to scoop and fill. The childminder interacted with the child during this activity and encouraged new vocabulary and concepts such as full and empty.

The next visit will be a full inspection.

Next steps

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

- The childminder has made satisfactory improvement. The next visit 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

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