

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 15 December 2017, we received a notification from the setting that a child had followed a member of staff into a cupboard, the staff came out of the cupboard but the child remained and was locked in for 6 minutes before it was realised that he was in there. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the early years foundation stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of any significant events.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises and found that the nursery have started to conduct their own investigation into this matter. They have implemented some new systems such as allocating each child a key person that is in the room with them at all times and completing a half hourly head count. However, they have not ensured that systems are in place to ensure children are well supervised at all times and to prevent children being unsupervised in all areas of the nursery.

Although it was not part of the original complaint, we also identified that risks in relation to promoting hygiene at snack times have not been fully considered and children's personal, social and emotional development is not fully promoted at this time as children were eating chopped fruit directly from a table, without being offered plates.

Following our investigation, we served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescale set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed

ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy

staff to ensure children's needs are met. Ensure children are usually within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing- by 12 January 2018

-ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure children are not exposed to risks, particularly in relation to snack times, by ensuring that children in your care are not exposed to hygiene risks, particularly when eating food at snack times- by 12 January 2018.

We visited the provider on 15 January 2018 and we are satisfied with the action taken by the provider.

Publication of compliance action

We aim to ensure that the welfare of children and young people is protected in the services we regulate. The Childcare Act 2006 and accompanying regulations set out our responsibilities to regulate childminders and childcare providers. This includes the enforcement powers we have in relation to those registered providers who do not comply with the requirements for registration.

We publish details of any actions we take, or the childminder or childcare provider takes to bring about compliance with requirements on our website for a period of five years commencing on the date we complete our investigation.

For further information please read the *Early years compliance handbook* which can be found here at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted .