

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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### **Summary of outcome**

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the Statutory framework for the early year's foundation stage, which you can find at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>. If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 10 July 2018 the provider notified us of a serious safeguarding breach. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the early year's foundation stage to notify Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider.

Ofsted liaised with agencies who have a duty to safeguard children. The local authority designated safeguarding officer (LADO) agreed for Ofsted to conduct our own enquiries. Ofsted conducted an unannounced visit to the premises on 27 September 2018 to assess whether the provider was meeting requirements of their registration. We found that the premises were not secure as potentially unknown individuals had access to the nursery. This was due to having an agreement in place with the premises next door to have an emergency escape route through the nursery.

Following this visit we were due to set a notice to improve that asked the provider to take the following action:

providers must ensure that their premises, including overall floor space and outdoor spaces, are fit for purpose and are secure.

The provider took prompt action to deal with our concerns and has reassured Ofsted that the premises are no longer accessible to unknown individuals. The setting is now secure and we are satisfied that requirements are met.

The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

### **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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).