

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 years foundation stage', which you can find at 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 26 March 2019 we received concerns that this provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 27 March 2019 we carried out an unannounced visit to the childminder's home. We suspended the provider's registration because we believed children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children.

We have served a Welfare Requirements Notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 3 April 2019:

take all reasonable steps to ensure that children are not exposed to risk and to identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis

ensure that arrangements are in place to assess the risks or hazards to children on outings, including consideration for the adult and child ratios

ensure that all children are supervised effectively and that adult to child ratios are appropriate to meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety

improve arrangements to ensure that care is tailored to meet children's individual needs and

to share information effectively with their parents

ensure that appropriate and effective arrangements are in place to manage children's behaviour

maintain a written record of accidents or injuries, and the first aid administered

maintain an accurate daily record of the names of the children being cared for and their hours of attendance

ensure that there are appropriate procedures to inform parents in the event of a child going missing at, or away from, the setting

put appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that Ofsted is notified of any significant event which is likely to effect the suitability of the registered provider.

On 4 April 2019 we visited the childminder to check the action taken to comply with the notice. The childminder outlined plans to improve her practices, including working with an assistant at certain times in the week, implementing revised risk assessments, alterations to her home and updates to her policies and documentation.

We have now lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension and we are satisfied that there is now no risk of harm to children.

The childminder 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.