

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 13 December 2019, the provider notified us that there had been a safeguarding issue. 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 such instances. This notification also raised concerns that this provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 8 January 2020, we carried out a regulatory visit and found: all adult-to-child ratios were met; staff had completed safeguarding training; risk assessments are in place for children walking from the local school; managers had taken appropriate action, as a result of the incident; and, a minor policy amendment had been made. However, further weaknesses were identified in the safeguarding policy and also in the arrangements for collecting children from local schools by car.

We sent a Notice to Improve. This notice asked the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider was able to give parents further information about this. The provider was still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed:

- review and update your safeguarding policy and procedures to have regard to current national guidance documents for safeguarding, so that the relevant agencies can be notified without delay, if you have a concern about children's safety and welfare – by 29 January 2020
- review and update your current procedures for transporting and picking up children from local schools, to ensure that the safety and welfare of the children are maintained at all times – by 29 January 2020.

We are satisfied with the way in which the provider has addressed the actions raised. The provider is still 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.