

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 5 June 2020, the provider notified us of a serious safeguarding matter. 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 any person who is in regular contact with children on the premises where childcare is provided. The provider will be able to give parents further information this.

On 9 June 2020, 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. The provider appealed to the Health, Education and Social Care First-tier Tribunal against the decision to suspend registration.

We have now lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension.

We also issued the provider with a notice to improve. The provider has until 24 July 2020 to respond to the actions below:

- improve your knowledge and understanding to effectively implement policies and procedures to safeguard children. These should be in line with the guidance and procedures of the relevant Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The safeguarding policy and procedures must include an explanation of the action to be taken when there are safeguarding concerns about a child and in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff and cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting
- ensure that you take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in your care are not exposed to risks, this is with specific regard to the safety of the baby gates and the provider developing their knowledge and understanding of managing risks
- ensure that children are adequately supervised and decide how to deploy staff to ensure children's needs are met. Children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing.

The provider has responded to the notice to improve. This demonstrates they are compliant in meeting requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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.