

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills is leading Ofsted's work into how regulated early years and childcare providers in England have delivered child-centred practice and care, within the context of the restrictions placed on society during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 7 December 2018, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. The overall effectiveness of the provision was judged to be requires improvement. The inspection report sets out the actions the provider was asked to take to meet the requirements.

On 6 October 2020, while routine inspections were suspended, we carried out an interim visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions, raised at their last inspection.

We found that the provider has improved their hygiene routines to prevent the spread of cross infection and promote children's health. The provider and children regularly wash their hands after appropriate nappy changing routines, and after children have used the toilet.

Additionally, during the visit, we found new areas of concern. This means that the provider was not meeting other requirements as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.

In relation to the new areas of concern, we have issued actions for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 23 October 2020:

ensure risk assessments identify and minimise any risks or hazards to children

implement robust systems to ensure that accurate and timely completion of records are maintained of children's attendance

ensure the indoor space requirements are adhered to and meet the needs of children

effectively.

The provider has informed us that she has taken action to address the breaches of requirements. The provider now completes a thorough risk assessment of the areas she uses to care for children prior to their arrival. This means she removes any unsafe or unsuitable items. The provider has displayed a reminder to prompt her to make an accurate record of children's attendance. The provider has drawn a floor plan to help her maximise the available space, she has also reorganised other parts of the home to allow for more space for children to play and learn. We are satisfied with the actions the provider has told us she has taken.

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.

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.