

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 23 October 2020, the provider notified us that a child aged 3 years had left the setting, unnoticed, via a gap in the hedge that surrounds the outside play area.

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 any significant. We carried out an unannounced visit to the setting. We discussed the information with the provider. We have issued a Welfare Requirement Notice.

This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out.

Action by 6 November 2020:

- ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised
- ensure all reasonable steps are taken to ensure children are not exposed to risks and demonstrate how these risks are being managed
- ensure that equipment is organised in a way that meets the needs of children; this includes providing appropriate facilities for young children to sleep and rest undisturbed
- provide a separate baby room for children under the age of two.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

We carried out a visit to the provider on 18 November 2020 to monitor compliance with the Welfare Requirements Notice. We found that the provider was complying.

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.

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.