

## **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 14 January 2020, 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 inadequate. The inspection report sets out the actions the provider was asked to take to meet the requirements.

On 23 October 2020 the provider notified us of a significant event where a child was able to leave the premises unsupervised. We visited the provider and issued a Welfare Requirements Notice.

On 18 November 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. In addition, we monitored the provider's compliance with the Welfare Requirements Notice.

We found that the provider had put measures in place to strengthen the security of the outdoor area. Staff had reviewed and updated risk assessments for all areas of the premises used by children. Staff know they must check for hazards throughout the day and minimise any risks to children.

We found that the provider had created a safe space for the sole use of babies to explore. This is clean, hygienic and resourced with appropriate toys and activities. Young children have a separate room in which they can sleep and rest undisturbed.

We found that the provider had put in place strict procedures for staff to follow to promote children's good health and hygiene. For example, staff ensure children regularly wash their hands.

We found that the provider had put in place arrangements for children to access a range of opportunities outdoors. This includes activities based on children's interests and level of

development.

We found that the provider had supported senior staff to raise their confidence to identify and act on weaker areas of staff practice. Senior staff provide supervision and support to practitioners to enable them to fulfil the requirements of their role.

We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare 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.

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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).