

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 08 September 2020, the provider notified us that there had been a significant event affecting the care of children. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage to notify Ofsted of significant events.

On 08 September 2020 and 09 September 2020, we carried out a regulatory call with the provider and liaised with external agencies. We found that the provider was not meeting the requirements relating to child protection, risk assessments, staff deployment and child supervision.

On 09 September 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 may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

On 01 October 2020, we carried out a further regulatory visit to monitor the suspension and the provider's compliance with requirements. We found that the provider had improved their own and staff's knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures. The provider had taken action to risk assess and improve the security of the premises. The provider had also improved methods of staff deployment and supervision of children to ensure the safety and welfare of children in attendance.

On 08 October 2020, we lifted the suspension because the provider had taken appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension and we are satisfied that there is now no risk of harm to children.

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