

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 childcentred 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 <u>Statutory framework for</u> 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 17 February 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 required to take to meet the requirements.

On 1 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 extended the safeguarding policy and has ensured that all staff are aware of its content. The policy clearly identifies the kinds and signs of a full range of different types of abuse. It includes clear procedures to follow if an allegation is made against a staff member, and the procedures are known and understood by staff. Monitoring procedures have developed to ensure that staff are well-informed on different kinds of child abuse and the signs to look out for. Staff are confident in sharing their knowledge and know the internal and local procedures that must be followed if they are concerned about a child. The manager regularly observes staff's interactions with children and checks children's records for accuracy. She talks with staff about the strengths of their practice and areas where improvement could be made, offering guidance and identifying any training needs.

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.