

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 25 November we received information as part of our suitability checking processes that indicated the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 17 December 2020, the provider also notified us of a significant event. 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 changes that must be notified.

On 21 December 2020, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have served a welfare requirement notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 5 January 2021:

- implement a policy, and procedures to safeguard children, that is in line with the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) guidelines
- ensure knowledge and understanding of local safeguarding children partnership procedures is improved; including what to do when an allegation is made against someone with responsibilities for children
- ensure children are effectively supervised and remain in sight and/or hearing at all times, to keep them safe
- ensure all reasonable steps are taken to ensure children are not exposed to risks, particularly when on outings or school collections, to maintain children's safety.

On 5 January 2021 we contacted the provider and found that they had implemented a safeguarding policy in line with the Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership. The provider has also taken steps to update and improve their knowledge and understanding of local safeguarding procedures. They demonstrate a secure understanding of how to report any concerns for a child's welfare.

The provider has reviewed how they supervise children. They have implemented changes to practice to help supervise the children more effectively. The provider has reviewed and updated their risk assessment, particularly when using the local park, to help keep children safe.

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.