

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 2 December 2020, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. The provider also notified us of this on 3 December 2020. 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 6 January 2021, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. The provider has provided training with staff to make sure they know the procedures for referring and reporting safeguarding concerns, including supplying staff with contact details for all relevant agencies. They have introduced new risk assessments for the opening and closing routines to ensure the safety of children when they are dropped off or collected from the premises. There are new systems in place for managers to request time off in lieu of extra hours worked that ensures accountability. In addition, the provider has made changes to the employee health declaration that provides clarity about what staff need to declare. 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.