

## **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 11 January 2021, the provider notified us of a significant event. A child was left outside for around 15 minutes, after others had returned inside. This notification means that the provider has met her legal responsibility as set out in the early years foundation stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of a significant event.

On 20 January 2021, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. During the call, we found the provider had taken prompt action to ensure similar incidents of this nature do not occur in the future. The provider had revised the procedures for the registration of children, the deployment of staff and the supervision of children when they are taken outside to play. The provider also refreshed staff's knowledge of the expected procedures to follow, to help ensure the safety and supervision of children. Furthermore, the provider was taking steps to improve the safe organisation of the outside play space. For example, by designating areas for different groups of children, and by increasing the height of perimeter fencing. We are satisfied the provider has acted appropriately. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this matter.

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).