

## **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 30 December 2020, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 18 and 21 January 2021, we carried out regulatory telephone calls. We found that the provider had failed to notify Ofsted of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) at the nursery. Notifying Ofsted of such events is a requirement of their registration. We also found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements.

We have served a welfare requirements 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 4 February 2021:

- implement effective systems to help ensure all staff are deemed suitable and obtain criminal record checks in line with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) guidelines
- improve senior staff's knowledge and understanding of how to comply with health and safety legislation, especially in relation to the management and reporting of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

We will monitor the provider's response to ensure the actions are successfully completed.

On 5 February 2021, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found that the provider had improved the systems to help ensure all staff are deemed suitable. They have obtained or have applied for criminal record checks for staff in line with the DBS guidelines. We found that the provider had enhanced senior staff's knowledge of health and safety legislation, especially in relation to the management and reporting of COVID-19. They now fully understand their responsibilities. 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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).