

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. If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 12 February 2021, the provider notified us of an incident that occurred in the setting. 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 a significant event.

On 16 February 2021, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

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.

Actions needed by: 26 February 2021

implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children that is in line with the guidance of the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) and that supports staff to understand and act swiftly when a safeguarding matter arises

ensure the designated lead practitioner for safeguarding has a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures and provides accurate support, advice and guidance to staff so that effective action is taken to assure children's safety

take immediate action to effectively identify and minimise risks to children, with particular regard to when children are playing outdoors

ensure staffing arrangements, including deployment and the supervision of children, promote their safety at all times

maintain records and obtain and share information in a timely way with any professionals working with the child, the police, social services and Ofsted to ensure a safe and efficient management of the setting.

On 2 March 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions that had been raised. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection and risk assessment procedures and now fully understands 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.