

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 19 March 2021, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 22 March 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We 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 7 April 2021 included:

- Ensure the lead practitioner liaises with local statutory children's services agencies and understands the necessary processes to follow if there are safeguarding concerns.
- Record information about staff qualifications and have effective systems in place to ensure that practitioners are suitable to care for children.
- Ensure children are adequately supervised and that staff are deployed to ensure children's needs are met.
- Ensure staff manage children's behaviour in an appropriate and consistent way.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure children are not exposed to risks and minimise or remove any identified risks.

On 8 April 2021, we carried out a further regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the actions raised. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and understood their responsibilities. The provider had implemented effective systems to ensure practitioners are

suitable to care for children and recorded information about staff qualifications. There were better systems in place around staff deployment, meaning that children were adequately supervised, and their needs were met. Behaviour management was more appropriate and consistent. Systems had been put in place to ensure children are not exposed to risks.

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.