

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, the provider notified us of an event which questioned the suitability of a volunteer. 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 an event likely to affect the suitability of a person who cares for children.

On 7 April 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit to the provision. We 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.

Actions needed by 14 April 2021:

ensure the provider follows the organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures and implements an effective training programme for all staff to ensure they understand their own responsibilities to safeguard children, with particular regard to sharing concerns inside and outside of the organisation without delay

take action to ensure staff and volunteers who have unsupervised contact with children have an enhanced criminal record check and barred list check to deem their suitability to

work with children.

On 15 April 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, raised at their last inspection.

We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures. Leaders have developed systems and trained staff on recording and referring concerns internally and externally without delay, which has focused staff understanding of their roles and responsibilities to safeguard children. Leaders have developed systems for monitoring staff suitability checks to ensure all staff, including volunteers, have an enhanced criminal record check and barred list check. 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.