

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', which you can find at www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2. If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 17 June 2021, the provider notified us that there had been a recent incident where a child had left the premises unsupervised. 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.

We suspended the provider's registration because we believe children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider has a right to appeal against a suspension. The provider may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

On 21 June 2021, we carried out an announced visit to the setting. We found that the provider had failed to notify Ofsted of a change of manager, which is a requirement of their registration. We have also 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 2 July 2021:

- ensure all staff, including the nominated individual, have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and implement these effectively

- ensure that staff are effectively deployed so that children are adequately supervised and

always within sight or hearing to meet the needs of all children and keep them safe

- ensure that the premises are secure enough to prevent children from leaving unsupervised

- improve risk assessment so that all risks to children's safety are identified and action is taken to remove or minimise risks and hazards in a timely manner.

We monitored the provider's response and found that they have taken reasonable steps to meet all the actions raised in the welfare requirements notice. We have taken the decision to lift the suspension of the registration as the grounds for the suspension no longer apply.

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.