

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 29 July 2021, the provider notified us that a child had been able to leave the premises through a fire escape route that had gates with high latch locks. The gates were not padlocked as the setting were adhering to fire regulation procedures. 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 any significant event related to the premises.

On 4 August 2021 we carried out a regulatory visit. We found that there had been a breach in requirements, but the provider had taken swift and appropriate action to put this right. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Action taken by the provider:

Two new gates that meet fire regulations and security will replace the existing gates on the fire escape route. They can only be opened by pressing a pressure pad high up on the wall. These will be out of children's reach.

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.