

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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Date: 26 August 2021

### **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 5 August 21, the provider notified us of a significant event. 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 significant event which could affect the suitability of those working with children.

On 16 August, we carried out a regulatory telephone call to the provider to gain an update. On 26 August, we carried out a follow up visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have issued a notice to improve with the action the provider needs to take by the timescale below. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 10 September 2021:

- ensure the setting's safeguarding policies and procedures are in line with the local safeguarding children's partnership (LSCP) guidelines and ensure this includes how staff should escalate concerns of inappropriate conduct outside of the organisation and steps to follow in the event of allegations being made
- ensure all staff understand the settings safeguarding policies and procedures with particular regard to action that must be taken if allegations are made and if concerns

need to be escalated outside of the organisation.

On 7 September 2021, the provider responded to the action set. We found that the provider had updated their safeguarding policies and procedures and have trained all staff on the changes. All staff including leaders, have refreshed their safeguarding training. Leaders have checked staff's knowledge on what to do in the event of an allegation being made and when would be appropriate to whistle blow through scenario-based questions and are satisfied with the responses. 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](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).