

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 regulatory 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 that they put matters right.

On 23 April 2021, the provider notified us that a child had run away from her in the school playground which prompted a search by school staff and the provider. On 30 June 2021, the provider notified us that she was concerned about a secret game some children talked about playing. The notifications mean that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage of notifying Ofsted.

On 30 June 2021 and 16 July 2021, we carried out regulatory telephone calls and spoke with the provider. The information she shared showed that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. We have issued actions for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 28 July 2021; 3.7 Child protection EYFS framework - gain a secure knowledge of the government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, and what you would do if you have concerns about children's safety or welfare, including which agencies to notify. 3.64 risk assessments EYFS framework - assess risks to children and the steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks to help ensure children's safety at all times, particularly when collecting children from school.

On 12 August 2021, the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge about the action to take if they have concerns about children's safety or welfare, including which agencies to notify. Also, how to implement suitable risk assessment procedures during outings to keep children safe from harm.

However, at the visit, we found that the provider was not meeting all the legal requirements in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. We have therefore served a second welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescale set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 17 August 2021:

ensure you take all reasonable steps to make sure that children in your care are not exposed to risks, with particular regard to the kitchen, rear garden and lounge

improve the cleanliness of the kitchen and ensure work top areas in the kitchen are clean, tidy and suitable for the hygienic preparation of food for children

comply with requirements of health and safety, with particular regard to the kitchen, rear garden and lounge.

On 18 August 2021, the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider had taken steps to make sure that children in her care are not exposed to risks in the garden and home. The provider has improved the cleanliness of the kitchen and has made sure that items in the rear garden and lounge, that could compromise children's health and safety, have been removed.

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.