

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 27 October 2021, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. Due to the nature of the concerns, we suspended the provider's registration because we believed 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 the 5 November 2021, we carried out a monitoring visit. We have now lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension and we are satisfied that there is now no risk of harm to children.

On 16 November 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the welfare requirements notice served following the last inspection.

We found that the provider and staff had improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and now fully understand their responsibilities. We are satisfied the provider has met the welfare requirements notice. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. 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.