

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

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 6 May 2022, we received a notification from the provider. This means they met their legal requirement to notify Ofsted of a significant event.

On 13 July 2022, we conducted a regulatory telephone call to follow up the notification. During that conversation we discuss this and a previous notification they had told us about. We requested documentation and photographic evidence to support the discussions we had on the telephone.

We found that on 19 April 2022, a child had a serious accident, although the provider told Ofsted about this, they were unaware they needed to inform child protection agencies. This is a legal requirement. In addition, although they had in place a risk assessment for the areas and equipment used by the children, this was not fully effective. The provider has since reviewed the procedure in place when using the wooden blocks, to ensure the risk to children is minimised.

Also on 25 April 2022, a child managed to leave the premise unsupervised for a short period of time.

The provider has since taken effective action to ensure that children cannot leave the premises unsupervised. They have put an alarm on the external gate leading to the car park, and the lock on the gate has been changed. The provider has reviewed the areas used by the children and the daily routine to reduce the risk of the gate being opened, when

children are near the area. The staff have a better awareness of the need to communicate with each other, for example if they move away from the area they are supervising. The provider has introduced a requirement that when staff open the gate, they record the reasons why, and confirm they have locked it again. Staff now ask more questions of parents, to find out about any security or safety issues, to enable them to plan for the care of each child that comes into the setting.

A notice to improve will be issued to address the weaknesses identified. This requires the provider to act by the date specified.

The action to be completed by 29 July 2022:

improve understanding of notifications that must be made to local child protection agencies about any serious accident, injury or the death of a child and act upon the advice provided by those agencies.

The provider has since responded. They have amended the accident policy to incorporate the procedures to follow in the event of a serious accident or injury. The provider has ensured that all staff have updated their knowledge of the policy. Ofsted are satisfied with the action taken by the provider.

The provider remains 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.