

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 September 2022, the provider notified us that on 5 September 2022 a child was able to get out of the premises. 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 a significant event.

On 12 September 2022, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements but had taken action to put this right. For example, the provider had changed the type of locks on the garden gate and added a further fenced area to stop children from being able to get out of the nursery garden and into the car park.

On the 20 September we carried out a further regulatory visit. During this visit we discussed additional areas of concern. This means that the provider was not meeting other requirements as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.

In relation to the new areas of concern, on 26 September 2022, we issued actions for the provider to take.

Actions needed by 7 October 2022:

- ensure the deployment of staff is effective across the nursery, including when children are outdoors to help keep them safe and well

- make sure all risk assessments are effective and carried out at appropriate times of the day, in particular ensuring the outdoor area is secure.

We will monitor the provider's response to ensure the actions are successfully completed.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

On 3 October 2022, the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the necessary steps had been taken to ensure staff deployment is effective, including when children are playing outside. Action taken included introducing walkie talkies to aid staff communication. Also, management had issued staff with a clear directive about the protocols to follow to maintain effective staff deployment. Managers continue to complete room observations and spot checks to ensure staff are always deployed effectively.

Additionally, the provider had taken action to ensure risk assessments are effective and carried out at appropriate times of the day. For example, they revisited current risk assessments and added to these where necessary. They also reiterated to staff the importance of when these are completed. In particular, the garden check will in future be completed and time stamped immediately prior to children accessing the outdoor area. Management continues to monitor and assess staff's knowledge of policies, procedures, and risk assessments through a range of activities.

We are satisfied the provider has met the 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.