

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](#). If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right. On 20 October 2022, we received concerns that this provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 3 November 2022, we carried out an unannounced regulatory visit. We found that fire exits are not always kept clear and not all staff know fire evacuation procedures. We found that bedding in cots where the youngest children sleep is not changed often enough. We also found that staff handling and preparing food are not suitably trained to do so. Following this visit, we served the provider with a Welfare Requirements Notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 10 November 2022:

take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises in the case of fire or any other emergency, including ensuring that all staff understand the emergency evacuation procedures

ensure fire exits are free of obstruction and easily opened from the inside, including making sure all staff know the codes for the gates so that they can evacuate easily and quickly

take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in their care are not exposed to risks

ensure staff understand the procedures for changing bedding so that children sleep in bedding that is clean and hygienic

make sure all staff involved in preparing and handling food have received training in food hygiene.

On 15 November 2022, we carried out a further unannounced regulatory visit. We found that the provider had completed fire evacuation practice with staff, and these are now scheduled in monthly. The fire exits have new signs reminding staff to keep them clear. All rubbish has been removed from the exit routes. Staff now complete daily risk assessments and these are checked by the manager. Staff understand the procedures for changing bedding so that children sleep in bedding that is clean and hygienic. All staff involved in preparing and handling food have received training in food hygiene. 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.