

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 1 November 2022, the provider notified us that a child had left the pre-school premises unsupervised. 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 any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.

On 9 November 2022, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements. We have served 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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 23 November 2022

- ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised
- improve risk assessments to ensure they are effective to identify potential risks and hazards to children and identify the steps to take to remove, minimise and manage such risks and hazards.
- ensure that children are adequately supervised to assure their safety and that their needs are met
- improve the key person arrangements to ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their needs and act promptly to take into account information from parents
- improve safeguarding knowledge and understanding, specifically with regard to the procedures to follow in the event of an allegation of serious harm or abuse by any person working or looking after children at the preschool

- ensure the committee understand their role and responsibilities
- ensure that people looking after children are suitable to fulfil the requirements of their roles.

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

We conducted an inspection on 29 November 2022 and found that the provider had taken appropriate action to help assure the safety of children and make effective use of risk assessment. The provider has improved their knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and now fully understands their responsibilities. They have implemented appropriate processes to help assure the suitability of people looking after children and the committee have received training about their roles and responsibilities.

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.