

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 13 February 2023, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. On 13 February 2023, the provider notified us of a significant event. 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.

We suspended the provider's registration on 14 February 2023 because we believe 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 28 February 2023, 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 10 March 2023:

- implement effective risk assessments to identify, remove, minimise and manage hazards which may arise for children, specifically on school runs

Actions needed by 17 March 2023:

- access training and professional development to ensure all behaviour management strategies used take into account children's individual needs and do not adversely affect their well-being
- ensure that any method of physical intervention taken for the purposes of averting immediate danger of personal injury, or to manage a child's behaviour, is absolutely necessary and is recorded and shared with parents

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

On 02 March 2023, we lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension. We are satisfied that the identified risk of harm to children has been removed.

On 13 March 2023, the provider responded to the action set. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of how to manage risks, specifically how to identify and minimise hazards during school run times, and now fully understands their responsibilities. We will continue to monitor the provider's response to ensure the remaining actions are successfully completed.

On 21 March 2023, the provider responded to the actions set. We found that the provider had improved their knowledge and understanding of how to manage children's behaviour appropriately and has developed procedures to ensure any incidents of physical intervention are recorded and shared with parents. 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.