

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 18 April 2023, the provider notified us that a child had left the nursery building unsupervised. The notification was not made within 14 days. This means that the provider did not meet their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage to notify Ofsted of significant events. This is an offence.

On 21 April 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.

Actions needed by 3 May 2023:

- ensure the procedures for the collection of children are robust and implemented effectively by staff to make sure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised
- improve risk assessments to identify, minimise or remove any risks to ensure children's safety
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that children are not exposed to risks, with particular regard to making sure staff follow effective procedures when taking children to the main door
- ensure staff deployment is effective and that staff provide appropriate supervision for children at all times
- make sure that records in place to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting are completed accurately, with particular regard to the daily record of children's attendance
- implement effective supervision of staff, to ensure that they have the appropriate training, skills and knowledge to undertake their roles and responsibilities effectively.

On 4 May 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at the last visit. We have also considered a further written response from the provider. We found that the provider has ensured that procedures for the collection of children are robust and that sufficient steps have been taken to make sure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised. Risk assessment has improved and children are not exposed to risks, with particular regard to making sure staff follow effective procedures when taking children to the main door. Staff are deployed well and provide adequate supervision for children at all times. The provider has improved record keeping and records are completed accurately and maintained to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting. Staff have received further supervision and training to ensure that they have the appropriate training, skills and knowledge to undertake their roles and responsibilities effectively. 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.