

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 May 2023, the provider notified us of a significant event. The notification means that the childminder 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 could impact on the suitability of any person who cares for children. On 19 May 2023, we also received information from the local authority safeguarding partnership relating to this matter.

On 24 May 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit and found the childminder was not meeting some of the requirements. We served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out.

Actions needed by 15 June 2023:

- update knowledge and understanding of appropriate behaviour management techniques, including when it is appropriate to use physical intervention, and ways to support children to understand and manage their feelings and behaviour
- undertake up-to-date training to improve knowledge and understanding of the action to take if an allegation is made, and if inappropriate behaviour is witnessed by other professionals towards children
- ensure that risk assessments for outings identify all hazards which may arise and identify the steps to be taken to minimise and manage those risks and hazards.

On 16 June 2023, we carried out an inspection. We found that the childminder had taken appropriate steps to meet the requirements by updating her understanding of when physical intervention is appropriate and should be used. She has improved her knowledge and understanding of the process to follow if an allegation is made, or if she witnesses inappropriate behaviour by another professional, and has reviewed and updated all risk assessments for outings so that they are more robust. We took no further action. We are satisfied the provider has met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised.

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