

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 August 2023, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. The report and inspection outcome will be published in due course. Following the inspection we served a welfare requirements notice on 4 August 2023. 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 4 August 2023:

- ensure all staff, including the designated safeguarding lead can identify, record and monitor signs of possible abuse or neglect in a timely manner
- ensure all staff follow the settings safeguarding policies and procedures in relation to use of mobile phones in the setting
- improve the deployment of staff in the preschool room so that children are appropriately supervised and have their needs met
- ensure information which indicates a child's safety may be at risk is shared with the relevant safeguarding agencies in a timely manner.

Actions needed by 18 August 2023:

- ensure staff have the necessary skills to manage children's behaviour effectively
- implement an effective key-person system and ensure that staff know how to support the individual needs of all children.

On 7 August 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 due by 4 August, raised at their last inspection.

We found that the provider had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. They had improved the procedures for the use of mobile phones and the deployment of staff to supervise children more effectively. However, they did not address the breaches of requirements relating to the safeguarding of children.

We served another welfare requirements notice. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this.

Actions needed by 18 August 2023:

- review the information that is held on children and ensure the relevant details are shared with other professionals, to safeguard children
- ensure all staff, including the designated safeguarding lead improve their knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children, including how to identify, record and report possible signs of abuse.

Following the regulatory visit on 7 August 2023 we also suspended the provider's registration because we believed 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.

On 8 August 2023, the provider notified us of their wish to resign their registration. Consequently, we lifted the suspension to allow us to resign their registration. They are no longer a registered childcare provider.

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.