

## **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](http://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 5 July 2023, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. Ofsted also received a notification from the provider on the same date relating to an incident where a child had left the 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 significant events.

On 7 July 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 1 September 2023:

- gain a secure understanding to implement procedures to notify agencies with statutory responsibilities without delay, including in emergencies the police in circumstances where there are concerns about children's safety
  
- ensure all staff, including the manager fully understand their roles and responsibilities, such as knowing how to implement the pre-school procedures to ensure children are kept safe at all times

- ensure staff are deployed and supervise children effectively so they are always within staff's sight or hearing, to promote children's safety
  
- ensure children cannot leave the premises unsupervised to keep them safe from potential harm
  
- review risk assessments and ensure these are effective in identifying and addressing any areas of concern, to minimise risks and hazards to children to promote their safety at all times
  
- ensure information is promptly provided to Ofsted to check the suitability of all committee members.

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

On 6 September 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 their last visit.

We found that the provider had reviewed and updated procedures and had trained staff in these. This included training in the emergency procedures, risk assessments and expectations for the deployment of staff to supervise children closely. Staff, including those with responsibility for managing the pre-school demonstrate a good understanding of these. In addition, new and improved fencing has been installed to improve the security of the outdoor area. New committee members have provided the required information to Ofsted to review their suitability.

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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted).