

## **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 2 October 2023, the provider notified us about a child that was able to leave a playroom, go through an open gate and access the lower-level garden area unnoticed. Although the garden area has a secure fence around the perimeter, the child was not adequately supervised, and staff were unaware of his whereabouts for a short period of time.

Since the incident, the provider has taken immediate action to ensure the safety of all children. Staff have received training regarding the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage in relation to staff deployment and ratios. Staff now use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other should they need to leave a playroom for any reason. Magnetic locks have been applied to all gates and a further lock to the playroom door. 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 a significant event.

### **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).