

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 27 June 2023, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. The overall effectiveness of the provision was judged to be inadequate. Following the inspection, we served a welfare requirements notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions set out in the inspection report.

On 8 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 raised at their last inspection. We found the provider had met some of the actions but not others. A child protection training session had been attended and procedures for managing allegations were better understood. Steps had been taken to ensure all required records were kept. Additionally, during the regulatory visit, we found new areas of concern. This means that the provider was not meeting other requirements as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.

We served another welfare requirements notice.

Actions needed by 8 September 2023:

- ensure the premises and equipment, inside and outside, are organised in a way that meets the needs of children and promotes their learning and development
- access professional development to help ensure that the quality of care and learning for children continually improves, in particular the provision of a well-sequenced curriculum that builds specific knowledge and skills over time
- ensure that children are only transported in a vehicle which meets safety standards.

On 20 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 in the welfare requirements notice. We found the provider had met two of the three actions. The provider demonstrated a better understanding of how to provide a sequenced curriculum. Webinars and support from the local authority had been accessed to help improve the quality of care

and learning for children. The provider had stopped using her car to transport minded children until it can meet safety standards and has a valid MOT. Additionally, during the regulatory visit, we found new areas of concern.

We served another welfare requirements notice.

Actions needed by 11 October 2023:

- ensure the premises and equipment, inside and outside, are organised in a way that meets the needs of children and promotes their learning and development
- ensure children are not exposed to risks and be able to demonstrate how risks and hazards are managed, particularly in relation to electrical items, loose wires, medicated creams, staples and the rear outdoor area.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted. We will monitor the provider's response to ensure the actions are successfully completed.

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.