

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 2022 and 7 October 2022, the provider notified us of accidents which had occurred. These notifications mean that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage to notify Ofsted of any serious accident or injury to a child.

On 15 September 2022, the provider notified us an incident where there was a near miss of a child leaving 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 any significant events.

On 20 October 2022, we also received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of these requirements.

On 1 December 2022, 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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 16 December 2022:

- ensure that risk assessment is used effectively to identify any risks to children's health or safety and action is taken to remove or minimise any risks or hazards in a timely way
- improve all staff's knowledge and understanding of how to carry out effective risk assessment to ensure that the premises and equipment are safe and suitable for children
- ensure that all areas of the premises are fit and suitable for purpose to promote children's health and safety, with particular regard to making sure that children's bathrooms have adequate stocks and supply.

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

On 19 December 2022, 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 taken action to improve all staff's knowledge of how to carry out effective risk assessments and, consequently, risk assessment is now being used effectively to provide a safe environment for children. We found that the provider has put new systems in place to ensure that all areas of the premises are suitable and fit for purpose.

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.