

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 12 September 2023, the childminder notified us that she had lost a child while collecting them from school. The notification means that the childminder met their legal responsibility as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage to notify Ofsted of a serious incident.

On 26 September 2023, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the childminder was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. She had spoken with the children to increase their understanding of staying safe by not walking too far ahead of her. The childminder has increased the number of headcounts she completes when collecting children from school. She ensures she holds younger children's hands to keep them close to her. Older children walk in pairs. The childminder will be able to give parents further information about this.

Additionally, during the regulatory visit on 26 September 2023, we found new areas of concern. This means that the childminder was not meeting other requirements as set out in the Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.

In relation to the new areas of concern we issued an action for the provider to take. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Action needed by 27 September 2023:

- ensure risk assessments are effective in identifying all potential risks, with particular regard to ensuring medicines and chemicals are kept out of children's reach and the garden is free from hazards.

On 19 October 2023, the childminder responded to the action set. We found that the childminder had minimised risks and hazards to ensure children's safety.

We are satisfied that the childminder has met the safeguarding and welfare action raised.

The childminder 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.