

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 30 July 2024, the provider notified us about staff: child ratios and safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. 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 where a child was not in sight and/or hearing of staff while on an outing.

On 31 July 2024, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting some of the requirements relating to safeguarding policies and procedures, suitable people, qualifications, training, support and skills, staff: child ratio, safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment.

On 5 September 2024, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider's safeguarding policy includes the required information, such as about the use of mobile phones. Staff receive supervisions and training to ensure they understand the safeguarding policy and procedures to keep children safe. We found that the provider conducts adequate checks to ensure staff are suitable to work with children. The provider makes sure that staff understand the policy that smoking and vaping is not allowed on or near the premises. The provider also ensures there is a deputy in place in the manager's absence. The provider makes sure that staff are qualified and trained to look after children. We also found that the provider makes certain that all vehicles used to transport children are adequately insured. The provider also makes sure that there are adequate numbers of staff to children.

On the regulatory visit, we found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right.

All staff and managers have attended meetings and training to review and update risk assessments, safety on outings and the policy for outings. As a result, staff understand their responsibility and accountability to ensure they deploy themselves so that all children are within sight and/or hearing. The provider has also introduced additional arrangements to conduct regular headcounts before, during and after transporting children on the nursery's minibus. This ensures that all children are always accounted for and within sight or hearing

of staff.

The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. 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.