

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 8 October 2024, we received concerns that the provider was not meeting requirements relating to safeguarding policies and procedures, suitable people, staff: child ratios, safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment, and information and record keeping.

On 29 October 2024, 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.

Actions needed by 12 November 2024:

- improve procedures to ensure that all staff looking after children are suitable
- ensure that all staff understand safeguarding procedures and have up to date knowledge of how to recognise children that may be at risk of or suffering from harm
- ensure each child is assigned a key person to support children to feel settled and provide care that is tailored to meet individual needs
- ensure there are strategies in place to support and include children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- improve the arrangements for risk assessment to ensure that risks in the environment are identified and steps taken to remove or minimise them.

On 18 November 2024, we carried out another regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at their last regulatory visit. We found that the provider had improved their procedures for monitoring staff suitability. They had provided training to improve staff safeguarding knowledge and had taken steps to strengthen their key-person system. The provider had implemented strategies to ensure that children with SEND are more effectively included and supported.

They had conducted new risk assessments and taken steps to minimise risks to children in the environment.

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.