

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 20 July 2022, we carried out an inspection and found the provider was not meeting some of these requirements. Following the inspection, we served a welfare requirements notice on 26 July 2022. 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 08 August 2022:

- review your safeguarding policy to ensure it includes relevant information about the safe use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting
- implement effective systems to ensure the suitability of any assistants
- improve knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements to ensure these are met effectively at all times and you have a full understanding of your roles and responsibilities.
- obtain permission from parents and/or carers to leave children in the care of an assistant
- ensure that minimum space requirements for children are maintained at all times
- take steps to ensure sleeping arrangements are safe and suitable for children
- ensure risk assessments are robust and all risks and hazards to children's safety are identified, removed, or minimised swiftly, particularly in relation to the outdoor space and when children are sleeping
- maintain an accurate daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance

On 17 August 2022, we found that the provider had not met all the actions set in the welfare requirement notice. However, she had made some improvements. She had updated

her safeguarding policy to ensure the procedures for the use of cameras and mobile phones was clear. She had updated some of her documentation to ensure this meets legal requirements, such as in relation to recruitment and seeking parental permissions to leave minded children in the care of an assistant. The provider had reviewed the space available to care for children and now clearly understands how many children she has space to care for. However, we have served another welfare requirements notice. The provider will be able to give parents further information about this. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 16 September 2022:

- improve knowledge and understanding of the early years foundation stage requirements to ensure these are met effectively at all times, and have a full understanding of roles and responsibilities
- ensure children are supervised at all times within sight or hearing, especially at mealtimes to minimise the risk of choking
- ensure risk assessments are robust and all risks and hazards to children's safety are identified, removed or minimised swiftly, particularly in relation to ponds in the outdoor space

On 21 September 2022 we carried out a further visit to the provider. We found that the provider had taken appropriate action. The provider now understands their roles and responsibilities in relation to the early years foundation stage. Children are always within sight and hearing at all times. The provider makes use of video cameras to help monitor sleeping children. All ponds are now made safe to reduce any risks for children. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.