

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 February 2024, the provider notified us that a child left the forest school site 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 a significant event.

On 6 February 2024, we carried out a regulatory telephone call. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. The provider has reviewed the risk assessments and has had a metal reinforced fence put around the willow fence, to prevent children leaving if they go through the willow. The provider has plans to split the site into three areas, divided by fences, to make the areas a more manageable size. Staff have reviewed the procedures for moving children from one area to another, to increase headcounts and to name the children they are responsible for. Risk assessments have been created for individual children who have been identified as requiring additional supervision. 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.