

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills is leading Ofsted's work into how regulated early years and childcare providers in England have delivered child-centred practice and care, within the context of the restrictions placed on society during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

All early years providers must meet the legal requirements in the [Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage](#). If we find that a provider is not meeting the requirements, we can take action to ensure they put matters right.

On 16 June 2021, we received concerns that this provider was not meeting some of these requirements. We suspended the provider's registration because we believed children may be at risk of harm. On 29 July 2021, following the suspension being lifted, we carried out an unannounced regulatory visit. Following this visit, we served the provider with 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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 12 August 2021:

- provide Ofsted with the information it needs to complete suitability checks for adults living or working on the childminding premises
- implement risk assessments effectively and remove or minimise hazards to children
- ensure safeguarding policies and procedures are up to date and reflect the current procedures of the local safeguarding children partnership
- implement policies and procedures effectively, particularly in regard to visitors to the setting
- improve understanding of how to manage children's behaviour in an age-appropriate manner, fully taking into account external factors that might have a negative impact on children's behaviour and their emotional well-being.

On 13 August 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. The provider had implemented risk assessments and removed previously identified hazards. The provider had updated their safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect the current local safeguarding partnership

procedures. The provider had implemented a process for recording any visitors to the setting. The provider had not met improved their understanding of managing children's behaviour or provided Ofsted with the information needed to check the suitability of all adults living or working at the premises. We served the provider with a Welfare Requirements Notice. This is a legal notice that requires the provider to take the actions below within the timescales set out.

Actions needed by 20 September 2021:

- provide Ofsted with the information it needs to complete suitability checks for adults living or working on the childminding premises
- improve understanding of how to manage children's behaviour in an age-appropriate manner, fully taking into account external factors that might have a negative impact on children's behaviour and their emotional well-being.

On 21 September 2021, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider had met some of the safeguarding and welfare actions but not others. The provider had improved their understanding of how to manage children's behaviour appropriately. The provider had not provided Ofsted with the information needed to check the suitability of all adults living or working at the premises. We served the provider with 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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 19 October 2021:

- provide Ofsted with the information it needs to complete suitability checks for adults living or working on the childminding premises.

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.