

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 5 July 2024, the provider notified us that a child had been able to leave the pre-school garden and gain access to the adjoining car park, unknown to staff. 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 incident.

On 11 July 2024, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements and had taken action to put this right. They had investigated the incident fully and have arranged for the height of the wall surrounding the garden to be increased. They reviewed their risk assessments, including the procedures for drop off and collection times, to minimise distractions and disruption to the session. They had also revised their processes for completing head counts of children and now ensure that there is always a minimum of two members of staff outside with the children. The provider held a meeting with staff to review the incident and remind them of the policies for staff deployment and child supervision, a lost child and risk assessments. All staff are due to complete a refresher course on safeguarding in September.

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.