

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 19 April 2024, the provider notified us of an injury sustained by a child in the setting. 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 23 April 2024, we carried out a regulatory visit. We found the provider was not meeting some of the requirements.

We suspended the provider's registration on 23 April 2024 because we believe children may be at risk of harm. Suspension allows time for the provider to take steps to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm to children. The provider has a right to appeal against a suspension. The provider may not provide childcare for which registration is required while the suspension is in place and may commit an offence if they do so.

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. The provider is still registered with Ofsted.

Actions needed by 29 April 2024:

- ensure that all medications, including those used for animals, are stored securely and out of reach of children at all times

- ensure that all food preparation and storage areas are thoroughly clean and hygienic at all times, including the removal of cat litter trays from these areas

- improve your understanding of appropriate behaviour management strategies for children of all ages, with particular regard to two-year-olds, to ensure that challenging behaviours are managed in a way that promotes children's safety and wellbeing
- ensure that all areas of the home are hygienic, safe and suitable, including removing the large amounts of clutter which pose trip hazards, suffocation risk and fire safety risks
- provide tidy and hygienic facilities for children's personal care needs, this includes ensuring the bathroom facilities are suitably equipped for toilet training and changing mats are intact and checked regularly for signs of wear and tear
- implement and maintain robust risk assessments, to ensure all potential hazards are identified, minimised and managed effectively, to keep all areas of the home safe for children, this includes identifying when a behavioural need requires a risk assessment.

On 30 April 2024, we carried out a regulatory visit. The focus of the visit was to monitor the suspension and to check whether the provider had met the safeguarding and welfare actions raised at the visit on 23 April 2024. We found that the provider had complied with the suspension notice and that they had responded to the actions set. The provider has ensured that all medications are stored out of reach of children. The provider has also ensured that the premises are hygienic and suitable for the provision of childcare, including kitchen and bathroom areas. Additionally, the provider has engaged with outside agencies and online training to improve their understanding of appropriate behaviour management strategies. Furthermore, the provider has reviewed risk assessment procedures in order to minimise hazards and promote children's safety.

On 30 April 2024, we lifted the suspension because the provider took appropriate action to deal with the matter that led to the suspension. We are satisfied that the identified risk of harm to children has been removed.

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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.