

## **Compliance action taken for childcare provision**

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### **Summary of outcome**

On 11 June 2014, a notification was raised to Ofsted by the preschool manager that a child had been left outdoors unsupervised. This notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of a significant incident.

At inspection, we looked into whether the provider was meeting the requirements relating to child supervision, risk assessment and outings. In particular, these include that children must usually be within sight and hearing of staff and always within sight or hearing; providers must have a clear and well-understood policy, and procedures for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly; children must be kept safe while on outings. Providers must obtain written parental permission for children to take part in outings, and must assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and identify the steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards.

The inspection found that the committee and manager accept they were in breach of the welfare requirement to ensure children are adequately supervised. They reviewed the incident, and action plans were put into place to ensure the requirement was met, in order to prevent this type of incident reoccurring. The preschool manager held a meeting with the parent regarding the incident. The preschool manager has implemented stronger procedures relating to entry and exit into the setting. For example, staff have attended training sessions on the entry and exit procedure, provided by the manager, and two employed members of staff carry out head counts regularly, as well as being more vigilant to ensure children's safety. The outings policy and procedure has been updated and additional training for all staff has been received. Further to this, a risk assessment has been updated. Throughout the inspection, staffing ratios were adhered to at all times and extra staff

were present when children played outside and during entry and exit time. The premises are secure as the main doors are locked. This ensures that the environment is safe for children to play in.

We are satisfied with the action taken and the provider remains registered with Ofsted.

### **Publication of compliance action**

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