

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 22 July 2014 we received a notification from the provider that a child had been able to leave the building, unknown to staff, as they had left with another parent. This notification meant that the provider met their legal responsibility as outlined in the statutory framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) safeguarding and welfare requirements. The requirement is to notify Ofsted of any significant event which may affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or who is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.

We investigated the issue to ensure that the EYFS requirements relating to staff; Child ratios and risk assessment were being met. We found that a child had been able to leave the building for a few moments, with a known parent. A parent who knew the child had opened the front door for them as they were leaving the building, as that parent had seen the mother of the child approaching. The Child was subsequently brought back in to the building by her mother. The child had not been allowed to leave the grounds, but staff were unaware the child had been allowed outside.

As a result of the incident, the setting took immediate action to review their risk assessment and make changes to some of the procedures in place for children's safety. Parents and staff have been reminded of the importance of ensuring that doors and gates are closed and that children do not leave the building without the appropriate parent/guardian, or a person properly authorised in advance by the appropriate parent/guardian, to collect the child from Nursery. A home time procedure has been devised to ensure that there are clear procedures in place for the collection of children and that staff and parents are aware of their responsibilities in regard to children's safety. Notices have been displayed in written and picture form around the setting.

We are satisfied that the provider has acted appropriately following the incident to ensure that children are safe.

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.

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