

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 29 October 2014, the provider notified us that children left the setting unobserved. This raised concerns about the supervision of children and the safety and security of the premises.

The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted particulars of any significant event which is likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the setting on the 30 October 2014. We discussed the incident with the provider who gave us detailed information about the incident. They informed us that a fire door had been left open on one occasion and children left the room to go outside and were found some minutes later in the nursery car park. The provider also admitted that the staff working in the room at the time did not see or hear the children leave. Although staff ratios were being met on the day of the incident, supervision of children and staff deployment in the room was poor.

During the visit, on two separate occasions the inspector found the front door was not closed properly. This increased the risk for a child to leave the premises unobserved and an unauthorised person to enter the premises.

Following the visit, we served a welfare requirements notice on the provider that required them to:

ensure the premises is secure, in particular the external doors close properly and fire doors are only used for their designated purpose so that children do not leave the premises unsupervised;

ensure staff are deployed effectively so that children are safe and are

adequately supervised so that they are always within sight or hearing.

It is an offence for a person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a welfare requirements notice. Failure to comply may result in a prosecution.

We carried out a further unannounced visit on 10 November 2014 to monitor what action had been taken to meet the requirements. We found that an alarm had been fitted that sounds if the front door is not closed. Relevant policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated to ensure clarity of information in respect to supervision of children. Staff have watched the company's on-line supervision DVD to raise better awareness of the importance of effective child supervision. Staff have also been retrained on the use of all fire doors in the nursery and demonstrate an improved understanding. We are satisfied with the action taken and a further visit or enforcement action is not required.

The provider remains 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 commencing on the date we complete our investigation.

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