

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 2 April 2014 the provider notified us about a child leaving the nursery premises 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 significant events. The provider also correctly notified the Local Authority Designated Officer for safeguarding who asked the provider to investigate the incident. The provider immediately initiated a review of the security arrangements for the nursery garden and relevant risk assessments and safety checks. This internal review found that staff were not sufficiently vigilant about checking the security and safety of the garden used by babies and younger toddlers. They failed to notice the garden gate leading to the retail park was left open after contractors cleaning the nursery windows had left the premises. Since the incident the provider has changed procedures for managing the work of contractors when they attend during nursery opening hours. In addition, all staff have attended a meeting to discuss and review safety and security procedures, in particular relating to the nursery garden areas. Additional security equipment has been ordered to fit to the gate to the entrance which leads on to the retail park. The provider has taken appropriate action to minimise the risk of an unaccompanied child leaving the premises in the future. However, at the time of the inspection the provider's investigation was ongoing and revised safety and security procedures had just been introduced. Following the visit Ofsted issued a notice to improve requiring the provider to: ensure recently revised arrangements for supervising the work of contractors and for checking the safety and security of the nursery garden are fully understood and consistently carried out by staff. The provider remains registered with Ofsted.

Publication of compliance action

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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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