

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 22 July 2016, we received a notification from the provider that a child had left the area used for sports day and was found by a member of the public. The notification means that the provider met their legal responsibility as set out in the early years foundation stage welfare requirements to notify Ofsted of any significant event which is likely to affect their suitability to look after children.

The notification raised concerns about outings. We looked into this concern to see whether the setting was meeting the regulatory requirements for safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. In particular, these include requirements that state:

Children must be kept safe while on outings. providers must assess the risks or hazards which may arise for the children, and must identify the steps to be taken to remove, minimise and manage those risks and hazards. The assessment must include consideration of adult to child ratios.

We carried out an unannounced visit on 28 July 2016 and found that although a risk assessment had been completed for the outing, staff did not implement the procedure. A child was able to leave the area, unnoticed by staff and was returned by a member of the public.

The provider has taken full responsibility for the failings and recognised this was a serious incident. The provider has temporarily stopped all outings and staff are booked to attend additional training specifically in risk assessing outings.

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

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.

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 .