

Compliance action taken for childcare provision

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Summary of outcome

On 02 March 2011, we received a notification from a provider on the Early Years Foundation Stage and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register that says the nursery is undergoing extensive refurbishment. The work commenced on 28 February 2011 and would last for over five weeks. The notification states that some room movements will take place and that allowances have been maintained according to the frameworks statutory number of children per square metre and that risk assessments have been completed. The notification raised concerns because no risk assessments or details of how children's safety will be managed were provided to Ofsted. The notification means that the provider met their responsibility as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Suitable people'. In particular, to notify Ofsted of any change to the premises on which childcare is provided that may affect the space available to children and the quality of childcare available to them. However, we needed to investigate whether the setting was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare'. In particular, these include a requirement that states that the premises, both indoors and outside, must be safe and secure. We also needed to investigate whether the setting was meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements relating to 'Suitable premises'. In particular these include a requirement that states that outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture and toys, must be safe and suitable for their purpose and that the provider must conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly. Additionally we needed to investigate the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements relating to 'Organisation'. In particular, the requirement that states that providers must have effective systems to ensure that the individual needs of all children are met.

We carried out an unannounced visit to the premises. We found that the provider has ensured the needs of the children have been met and that areas

of the nursery have been kept safe and secure during the refurbishments. However, we did find that the system for risk assessments was not rigorous enough.

Following the inspection, we issued a notice to improve that asks the provider to ensure:

necessary steps are taken to ensure that outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture and toys are safe and suitable for their purpose by conducting a risk assessment and review it regularly, at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises (Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements - Suitable premises, environment and equipment)

We are satisfied with the action taken by the provider.

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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