

1.9 Informing Ofsted Policy

The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage states that there are occasions when OFSTED must be informed.

All providers must inform OFSTED, without delay, of any allegations of serious harm or abuse by any person living, working, or looking after children at the premises (whether that allegation relates to harm or abuse committed on the premises or elsewhere), or any other abuse which is alleged to have taken place on the premises, and of the action taken in respect of these allegations. An early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Providers must notify OFSTED of any change in the facilities to be used for care that may affect the space and level of care available to children. An early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Providers must notify OFSTED and local child protection agencies of any serious accident or injury to, or serious illness of, or the death of, any child whilst in their care, and act on any advice given.

An early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Providers must notify OFSTED of any food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises. An early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Providers must notify OFSTED of:

- any change of provider or person with direct responsibility for early years provision;
- any proposal of childminders to employ an assistant to look after children;
- any change of persons of 16 years or over living or working on childminding premises;
- any proposal to change the hours during which childcare is provided which will entail the provision of overnight care;
- any change to the premises from which childcare is provided which may affect the space available to children and the quality of childcare available to them;
- any change in their name or address;
- any change in the name or registered number of a company, or any change in the name or registration number of a charity;
- any change in the address of premises on which childcare is provided;
- any criminal offence committed by the registered provider after the time of registration.

An early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this requirement, commits an offence.

Premises - Providers must inform OFSTED of any significant changes or events relating to the premises on which childcare is provided.

Significant changes or events which must be reported to OFSTED include:

- significant changes to the premises, for example structural alterations or an extension;
- something which adversely affects the smooth running of the provision over a sustained period of time;
- changes to the outside of the premises such as adding a pond or taking down fencing.

It will be the responsibility of the pre-school owner/manager to ensure OFSTED is informed as soon as possible.


Contact Ofsted about concerns

Email: CIE@ofsted.gov.uk

Contact Ofsted about concerns: 0300 123 4666

Please contact your local council or call local police on 101 if you're worried about a child who is at risk of being harmed. If the child is in immediate danger, call police on 999. Our helpline is open from 8am to 5pm (Monday to Friday).

Report a serious incident: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-serious-childcare-incident>

This policy was adopted by	Meadow Pre-School	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	November 2020	<i>(date)</i>
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Signed on behalf of the provider		
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