Early Years

Process for funded childminders graded as inadequate or requires improvement

The Provider Agreement for the Entitlement to Early Years Provision for 9 months – 23 months, 2, 3 & 4 year olds clearly identifies the required quality standards in order for settings to receive funding and be on the Directory of Providers. Settings must inform the Early Years Team when an inspection is taking place in order for a Support Worker to be present at feedback where possible.

Nottingham City Council has a duty to secure quality funded places in good and outstanding settings for eligible, disadvantaged 2-year-olds and fund places for children eligible for the universal or working parent entitlements, 9 months to 23 months, 2,3 and 4 year olds, at any provider judged 'requires improvement' Good or Outstanding by Ofsted.

If a childminder receives an inadequate grade, funding will not be automatically withdrawn. However, if at any time Nottingham City Council believes that children are at risk within the setting, immediate arrangements will be made to suspend funding and the childminder will co-operate with Nottingham City Council's reasonable instructions in connection with transferring children and families to other providers, if required, and, where appropriate.

This process will be followed for settings graded inadequate or requires improvement

Childminder to notify Early Years of Ofsted inspection and grade



- Ofsted Inspection report published
- Intervention Action Plan sent for childminder to populate prior to the below meeting
- Childminder to attend Provider Intervention meeting at Loxley or via Microsoft Teams

NB childminder <u>must</u> email the completed Intervention Action Plan to the Early Years Team prior to the meeting.



Inadequate/Requires Improvement grade meeting to:

- Formalise Intervention Action Plan
- Agree LA monitoring timelines
- Make a decision on continuation of Early Years Funding



- Early Years to undertake monitoring visit
- The childminder reviews and revises Intervention Action Plan and returns to Early Years





- Share their Ofsted report with parents, carers and partners within 2 working days of publication
- 2. Share their action plan with parents, carers and partners within 10 working days of the publication of the Ofsted report
- Attend a Local Authority Intervention meeting within
 working days of the publication of the Ofsted report

Ofsted could carry out a monitoring visit or visits (inadequate grade only).

Childminders must inform Early Years of the monitoring visit and the outcome.

The outcome of the monitoring visit could impact on Early Years funding. The Early Years team will review the outcome of the monitoring visit once published by Ofsted and inform the childminder of their decision. This may prompt a further Provider Intervention meeting.



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1 x Early Years pre-inspection visit at an appropriate point agreed between Early Years and childminder



Ofsted Inspection

The outcome of the inspection will determine which PSF process the provider then follows.

