## **Early Years**

## Process for funded settings graded as inadequate or requires improvement

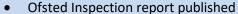
The Provider Agreement for the Entitlement to Early Years Provision for 9 months – 23 months, 2, 3 & 4 year olds clearly identifies the required quality standards in order for settings to receive funding and be on the Directory of Providers. Settings must inform the Early Years Team when an inspection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

The Early Years team provide advice and intervention to lower quality settings in order to support the development of their EYFS provision. The Early Years team has developed the following process to ensure advice, challenge and targeted intervention is available, where needed, and in a timely manner.

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

Provider to notify Early Years of Ofsted inspection Early Years attend feedback to take and provide minutes to the provider.



- Intervention Action Plan sent for setting to populate prior to the below meeting
- Provider to attend Provider Intervention meeting at Loxley or via Microsoft Teams

NB setting <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 provider reviews and revises Intervention Action Plan and returns to Early Years

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

Ofsted Inspection: Early Years attend feedback to take and provide minutes to the provider.

The setting must

- 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).

Providers 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 provider of their decision. This may prompt a further Provider Intervention meeting.