## **Early Years**

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

The Provider Agreement for the Entitlement to Early Years Provision for 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.

If the provider receives an inadequate grade, funding will not be automatically withdrawn.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 provider 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

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



- Ofsted Inspection report published
- 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 outcome of the inspection will determine which PSF process the provider then follows.

## 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.

