Early Years

Process for funded settings graded as good or outstanding

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 to assist high quality settings retain or improve their Ofsted grade.

The following process will be undertaken for settings graded good or outstanding

Settings graded as good or outstanding with no additional quality or sustainability issues Settings graded as good or outstanding with a pending Ofsted inspection Settings graded as good or outstanding with one or more of the following:

- Safeguarding issue*
- Financial sustainability issue*
- Identified quality/practice issues*



Settings will be offered telephone contact each term to discuss:

- Safeguarding
- Training
- Staffing
- SEND
- Sustainability
- EYPP
- General EYFS practice



Setting will be offered a pre-inspection support visit (or Microsoft Teams meeting) unless the setting has been identified for targeted support.

The structure of this visit will be determined through discussion between the settings leader and the Early Years team



Setting will be offered targeted support focused on addressing the identified issues*.

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- * The above issues may be identified through various routes including:
- Termly telephone contact with the Early Years team
- SEND visit
- Funding audit
- Concern raised by the setting







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.

