

## Early Years settings engaging with Gloucestershire Local Authority

### Early Years Team support for vulnerable settings

**Settings** engaging with Gloucestershire Local Authority will be supported as follows:

Inadequate settings	All 'requires improvement' (or Satisfactory) settings	Good and Outstanding settings
Fortnightly contact for first 2 months moving to one support and challenge visit per month	<p><b>Stage 1 EYIP</b> (3<sup>rd</sup> + 'requires improvement')</p> <p>6 support and challenge visits per year</p> <p><b>Stage 2 EYIP</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> 'requires improvement')</p> <p>5 support and challenge visits per year</p> <p><b>Stage 3 EYIP</b> (1<sup>st</sup> 'requires improvement')</p> <p>4 support and challenge visits per year</p>	<p>Settings that may be vulnerable to an RI or inadequate judgement will be offered short term support.</p> <p>In addition EYLAs will endeavour to visit all other Good and Outstanding settings on a 2-yearly cycle dependent on EYLA capacity and locality priorities.</p> <p>Additional EYLA support by arrangement at EYLA discretion.</p> <p>Telephone and email support.</p> <p>Access to Early Years Locality Adviser (EYLA) at locality network meetings</p>

The exact number, format and content of visits will be personalised according to each setting's individual needs and at the discretion of the EY Locality Adviser

#### **Additional support:**

- Named Early Years Locality Adviser linked to setting
- Access to telephone and email contact with named EY Locality Adviser
- Opportunity for joint observation with named EY Locality Adviser + any member of staff
- Support where there are vulnerable children
- Eligibility for whole staff professional development meetings

- Opportunity to have named EY Locality Adviser model good practice linked to identified aspects of EYFS
- Eligibility for engagement with the Bristol Standard Improvement process which includes self evaluation folder and mentor support
- Access to Early Years admin team for queries, signposting
- Access to Business Support (NDNA, Gloucestershire's business support provider)
- Eligibility for Early Years Lead Practitioner visit
- Eligibility to apply to become an Early Years Lead Practitioner
- Eligibility to buy into Early Years Team training and one off events as advertised in the Early Years training directory
- Eligibility to attend network meetings e.g. Inspiring Creative Play network
- Eligibility to buy into other training advertised through the Early Years Team training directory and delivered by other linked bodies
- Loan of resources
- Guidance from named EY Locality Adviser with regard to completing audit tools e.g. Transition, SEND, Safeguarding and summative assessments e.g. Transition record
- Eligibility for outstanding settings to join the EXCELL directory
- Access to support from providers listed in the EXCELL directory

**Settings** with an 'Inadequate' Ofsted outcome who wish to continue to take funding for **3 & 4** year olds at the provision are required as a condition of funding to take up support from the Local Authority. In Gloucestershire this means participating in the Early Years Intervention Programme.

**Settings** with an 'Inadequate' Ofsted outcome will not be eligible for **2 year old** funding until they have been re-inspected at a 'requires improvement' level or higher. Any two year olds currently taking 2 year old funding will not be offered alternative provision unless there is a safeguarding issue or parental request.

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**All settings with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted outcome** are considered to be 'opted in' to engaging with the Local Authority - unless they notify the EY Strategic Lead in writing that they wish to disengage with the Local Authority. Settings who choose to opt out will have limited access to the benefits listed above.

