

The EXCELL Directory

Frequently asked questions

Members of the Directory

Who can join?

- Any setting that has an Outstanding Ofsted can join The EXCELL Directory. This includes Childminders, Nurseries and Schools with an Early Years Outstanding judgement.

How do I join?

- Settings with an Outstanding Ofsted who did not attend the launch event but decide at a later date that they wish to join the directory may do so by accessing the joining form on the Early Years webpage.
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-team/peer-to-peer-support/the-excell-directory/>
- In the future any setting that is awarded an Outstanding grade will be sent the joining invitation and the details about the Directory.

How can I celebrate participation in the Directory?

- Each setting that joins the directory will be sent a certificate of inclusion in the directory. The certificate will not be dated for a period of time but will show the date of the Outstanding Ofsted inspection
- Each setting will be able to use the EXCELL logo on their paperwork in their setting
- Anyone having a second or third etc. Outstanding Ofsted will be sent a new certificate with the new Ofsted Outstanding date.

What happens if my Ofsted Inspection changes?

- Existing Outstanding settings who are included in the Directory and subsequently receive a Good or Requires Improvement grade will no longer be included in the Directory until such time as they regain an Outstanding grade.

What if our registration/URN changes?

- Settings will be classed as waiting for inspection so will no longer be included in the Directory. If the setting is inspected as Outstanding they can notify the EY Service of their intention to rejoin the directory.

How can I opt out of the Directory?

- Anyone who is in the Directory will remain active in the Directory until they decide to opt out. In order to opt out a setting must contact the Early Years Admin team and ask to be removed from the Directory. eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Who organises the support?

- Settings in the directory are responsible for making their own arrangements with other settings who contact them. Early Years Locality Advisers do not broker visits.

Who might contact me?

- All Gloucestershire settings regardless of their Ofsted grade may choose to access support using the directory.

Does it cost me anything to join the Directory?

- Membership of the directory is free. Use of the EXCELL logo is free to participating settings.

Can I charge settings?

- Settings in the directory commit to offering free support when contacted via the directory. Agreement to offer support and amount of support offered will be based on a setting's capacity and expertise at the time.

What will an EXCELL Directory member receive from the Local Authority?

- Online publication of setting's participation in the EXCELL Directory
- Annual certification for use in setting and/or on paperwork
- Use of EXCELL logo on setting paperwork
- Access to two planned continual professional development events each year.

Directory Users

Does it cost me to visit settings in the directory?

- Any Setting in the directory will offer free support when contacted via the directory. Agreement to offer support and amount of support offered will be based on a setting's capacity and expertise at the time.

How do I find the best person to visit?

- Look at the areas of expertise that the setting has noted in the Directory and check when they received their Ofsted Outstanding outcome. Contact the setting to discuss what you are looking for.

Who organises the support?

- Settings who wish to visit settings in the Directory are responsible for making their own arrangements with the setting they wish to visit. Preferred contact details are shown in the directory.

Who do I contact if I see practice that concerns me when I visit?

- If your concerns are of a safeguarding nature please contact the Safeguarding Team on 01452 425017.
- If your concerns relate to the quality of practice please contact Ofsted. Ofsted are the sole arbiter of quality, not the Local Authority. Please contact Ofsted on 0300 123 1231.