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.

Funded childminders must inform the Early Years Team when an inspection has taken place and the grade awarded.

Nottingham City Council has a duty to secure quality funded places in good and outstanding settings (2 year olds) and requires improvement, good and outstanding (3&4 year olds). The Early Years team provide advice and intervention to lower quality settings in order to support the development of their EYFS provision. This process is to ensure advice, challenge and targeted intervention is available, where needed, and in a timely manner to assist newly registered funded childminders work towards a good or outstanding at first Ofsted inspection.

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

**Childminders graded as good or outstanding with no additional quality or sustainability issues**

SETTINGS GRADED

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

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

**\*** The above issues may be identified through various routes including:

* Contact with the Early Years team
* Referral from Early Years LADO
* Funding audit
* Concern raised by the childminder

Childminder will be offered pre-inspection support email or a Microsoft Teams meeting/site visit if the setting has been identified for targeted support.

The structure of this meeting/visit will be determined through discussion between the childminder and the Early Years team

Childminders will be offered email contact each term to include:

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

**Settings graded as good or outstanding with a pending Ofsted inspection**

**Settings graded as good or outstanding with one or more of the following:**

* **First Ofsted inspection**
* **Safeguarding issue\***
* **Financial sustainability issue\***
* **Identified quality/practice issues\***

Ofsted Inspection

The outcome of the inspection will determine which PSF process the provider then follows.