

2017/18 Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Setting and Childminder Improvement Guarantee

We want every Oxfordshire child to attend a school or setting that is at least good (Oxfordshire Education Strategy, 2015-18).

The OCC Early Years Team works with Foundation Stage practitioners and leaders in maintained schools, academies, nursery schools, private, voluntary and independent (PVI) settings.

This Guarantee applies to PVI settings, Out of School provision and Childminders.

The OCC [School Improvement Guarantee](#) applies to Primary, Special and Secondary schools.

The OCC **Setting and Childminder Improvement Guarantee** is closely aligned with the [Early Education Funding \(EEF\)](#) Terms and Conditions.

All providers listed above have access to the following:

- [webpages](#), schools news, [Facebook page](#) (no charges)
- [toolkit](#) (available to purchase)
- [Step into Training courses](#) (charges apply)
- [Buy in support](#) – all courses/training can be delivered ‘in house’ for an agreed cost. These bespoke packages are very popular and good value.

Charges may apply for the following:

- **Newly Registered Setting or Childminder** (not re-registration) bespoke support brokered through the Early Years Team e.g. an initial welcome visit by advisor or Leader of Early Learning.
- **Targeted work with good and outstanding Settings and Childminders at risk of being judged less than good** will be prioritised using transparent triggers:
 - Previous Ofsted judgement (less than good)
 - Self-referral by managers or committee
 - Safeguarding concerns
 - Introduction of places for eligible funded two year olds
 - High percentage of vulnerable learners

The Early Years team will broker bespoke support e.g. training; peer to peer support from a Leader of Early Learning; visits by an Early Year’s advisor.

- **Settings judged Requires Improvement and Childminders judged Requires Improvement or ‘Met’ by Ofsted** : bespoke support brokered through the Early Years Team e.g. a named advisor, peer to peer support visits, targeted training.
- **Settings judged Inadequate and Childminders judged Inadequate or ‘Not Met’ by Ofsted:** bespoke support brokered through the Early Years Team e.g. a named advisor, peer to peer support visits from a Leader of Early Learning, targeted training. *‘The setting or childminder must work collaboratively with Council’s designated Officer to swiftly address concerns raised by Ofsted at Inspection’ as stated in section 8.13 EEF Terms and Conditions.*
- **Out of School provision judged Inadequate or Not Met by Ofsted:** bespoke support brokered through the Early Years Team.

The OCC Early Years Team reserves the rights under the terms and conditions of the EEF agreement to withdraw support and funding when applicable.

In addition, Oxfordshire is proud of developing the **Leaders of Early Learning** programme. We benefit from a Nursery Teaching School, Lead Teachers, Early Years Professionals, early years teachers, and childminders. Leaders of Early Learning lead partnership/networks for EY provision in their areas, deliver training and host visitors in their settings.

For further information about the Early Years’ service visit our [webpages](#) and/or contact us via the following: Email early.years@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call: 0845 604 2346 (usual rates apply)