

Quality Matters in Essex

Our aim is to work in partnership with all early years provision to ensure that:

- All children in Essex can attend high quality early years provision
- The most vulnerable and disadvantaged children can achieve as well as their peers

Our work is focussed on ensuring that children are ready for school, achieving a good level of development at the end of the Reception Year.

We will do this by:

- Prioritising our support for early years provision, including schools and childminders, where early years foundation stage (EYFS) is graded less than Good by Ofsted
- Prioritising our support to ensure that children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds get the best start in life
- Supporting practitioners to develop their own quality improvement networks, building on the EYFS Learning Communities and clusters.

What you can do as an early years setting

Before contacting an early years foundation stage adviser, you can help yourself by:

- Using the [early years and childcare website](#) which has a range of materials to support you in reviewing and developing your provision. This includes the Quality Matters Materials for schools, preschools and nurseries and childminders.
- Attending support workshops and briefings delivered by Early Years Foundation Stage Advisers e.g. Ofsted Ready, To Inspection and Beyond, briefings and update sessions.
- Finding out about the local networks in your area, including local school partnerships, and what to do if you want to set up a network.