

Quality Matters in Essex

Our aim is to work in partnership with all early years providers including schools 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 making sure that children are ready for Year1, 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 EYFS (early years foundation stage) is graded less than Good by Ofsted
- Prioritising our support so that children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds get the best start in life
- Supporting practitioners to develop their own quality improvement networks.

What you can do as an early years setting

Before contacting an Early Years Education Partner, 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 Education Partners e.g. Ofsted Ready, To Inspection and Beyond, briefings and update sessions.
- Subscribe to the Essex Early Years newsletter.
- Finding out about the local networks in your area, including local schools partnerships, and what to do if you want to set up a network.

