

## The Manchester Quality Assurance Framework

Accessing high-quality early years childcare has been identified as contributing positively to improving outcomes for children, leaving them well placed for future achievement and lifelong learning. The Early Years Quality Assurance Framework supports settings and the local authority to communicate a shared vision for quality, supporting Early Years settings to aspire to providing high-quality services.

### What does the Quality Assurance Framework consist of?

- Leadership and management.
- Care and welfare.
- Learning and development.
- Inclusion – supporting children with additional needs.
- Partnerships with parents, agencies and the wider community.

### How does the Quality Assurance Framework work?

Settings and the local authority work together to come to a supported judgement about quality in each of the five areas and to set out the next steps for improvement. The Early Years childcare providers and the local authority will agree a judgement of quality.

### What do the judgements mean?



**Enhancing** – means that the setting far exceeds minimum standards and is highly effective in enhancing provision and ensuring a cycle of continuous improvement.

**Enabling** – means that the setting is above minimum standards and is securing improvements.

**Participating** – means that the setting is meeting minimum standards and is beginning to put in place more effective practices.

Until providers complete the process they can display the 'Participating' logo.

Gold and Silver awards are given to settings who have successfully completed the process.

## Useful links

To download the Quality Assurance Framework, visit:  
[manchester.gov.uk/qaf](http://manchester.gov.uk/qaf)

Manchester childcare directory: [hsm.manchester.gov.uk](http://hsm.manchester.gov.uk)

To become a childminder, contact:  
[childminding@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:childminding@manchester.gov.uk)

To offer Early Years Funded places, contact:  
[ey-free.entitlement@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:ey-free.entitlement@manchester.gov.uk)

For SEN support, contact:  
[rodneyhouse.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:rodneyhouse.manchester.sch.uk)

Manchester Children's Centres  
[manchester.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://manchester.gov.uk/childrenscentres)

Early Help  
[hsm.manchester.gov.uk](http://hsm.manchester.gov.uk)

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# Early Years Quality Assurance Team

Directorate for Children and Families



*"Everyone working together to provide opportunities, for Manchester children, to be the best they can be".*

## The Early Years Quality Assurance Team

The Early Years Quality Assurance Team work with Ofsted-registered Early Years childcare providers, this includes nurseries, out-of-school clubs, and childminders. This ensures there is high-quality provision and good outcomes for Manchester children.

### The team consists of:

- three FTE Senior Quality Assurance Officers
- seven FTE Quality Assurance Officers

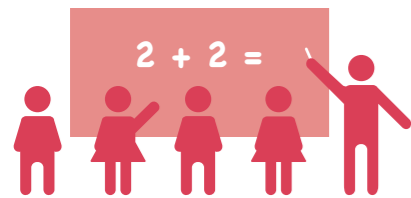
### We quality-assure:



**160+**  
group childcare providers  
on the Early Years Register



**400+**  
childminders on the Early Years Register  
(and VCR and CCR)



**Primary schools**  
providing places for funded two-year-olds

### We also offer:



**advice and guidance**  
to prospective Early Years providers

### The team provides:

- pre-registration daycare and childminder briefings
- visits to new and pre-registration settings and childminders
- a childminder pre-registration briefing and course twice a year
- Quality Assurance Framework visits
- termly Early Years Development Forums for settings
- termly Quality Forums for childminders
- membership of Manchester's Children's Centre Advisory Boards
- training, mentoring and coaching to settings and childminders in need of development
- support to inadequate settings and childminders
- current Early Years and childcare updates to ensure legal requirements are met
- representation on strategic and regional groups
- administration of the Ofsted daily feed and updates to the childcare database for families.

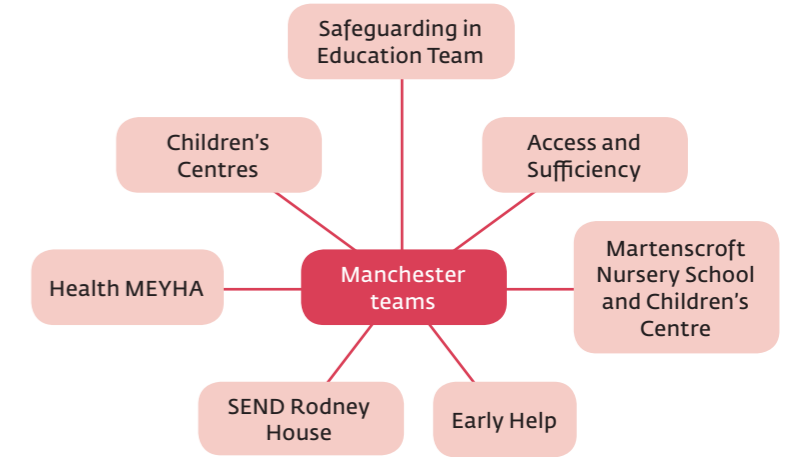
### Early Years Safeguarding lead

- Safeguarding audits.
- Safeguarding training and advice.
- Safeguarding strategic meetings.

### Prioritisation of visits and offer to Manchester Early Years settings

Setting	Visit frequency
Inadequate settings	Monthly visits
Requires improvement settings	Bimonthly visit
Awaiting first inspection	Termly visit
Due inspection within 12 months	Termly visit
Setting with new/inexperienced manager	Termly visit
Council tendered daycare	Termly visit
Complaints/concerns raised	As required
All settings	At least one annual visit

### Key Partners are:



### Our Networks are:

