

Solihull Childcare Ofsted Registered Settings

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND SKILLS

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For the attention of setting leaders

The Early Years Team- setting support for 2023-2024

We are looking forward to catching up with you as a new academic year begins. Thank you again for all that you have done for children and families over the last year.

As a Local Authority [LA] our **statutory duties** are outlined in '[Early education and childcare: Statutory guidance for local authorities](#)' These are summarised below.

The requirement

- for LAs and their partners to improve outcomes for all children under five and reduce inequalities.
- for LAs to secure sufficient [quality] childcare.
- to provide information, advice and training to childcare partners and information, advice, and assistance to parents.

We really value all your feedback and suggestions and have used this along with information from recent Ofsted reports to shape our setting improvement visits, and our education improvement training and priorities for the year ahead.

In response to feedback, we have produced a new Early Years Training Brochure which details all our training (to date!) for the academic year 2023/24.

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/training/>

Setting Improvement Visits

The setting Improvement visit is an opportunity to reflect with your adviser on the Ofsted Childcare requirements in relation to your Ofsted registration and any support needs that the setting may have.

Childcare settings, who are registered with Ofsted on the Compulsory and / or Voluntary childcare register, will be contacted on an annual / biennial cycle to arrange a suitable date and time to carry out the visit and to agree an agenda with shared expectations.

The **Setting Improvement Visit** for Childcare settings will focus on how your setting meets the Ofsted requirements for your registration, alongside The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* such as Article 31 'Rest, Play, Culture & Arts'

'Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities.'

Further information is included in our 'note of visit' which will be completed during our discussion.

A visit will last between 1 – 1.5 hours and will include:

- a leadership discussion
- a reflective walk around the setting looking at practice and provision.

At the end of the visit, we will ask you evaluate this process and identify what developments you will / may action as a result.

*The UN rights of the child is an important agreement by countries who have promised to protect children's rights. [Click here for more information](#)

The [Solgrid webpages](#) outline settings we are prioritising and our setting improvement approach in more detail. Visits will be tailored to the registration requirements of each setting.

To discuss this further please contact a member of the team –
Early Years Enquiries: 0121 704 6150 or eyenquiries@solihull.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely



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