East Mids
Ofsted Big Conversation
28th January 2017
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Agenda

9:45  
Review of Ofsted Big Conversation so far

10:00  
Ofsted Presentation

11:15  
Comfort break

11:30  
OBC Presentation

12:00  
Question & answer session

13:00  
Close
Housekeeping

Fire assembly
Toilets
Timings
Comfort break
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Welcome!

Here from Ofsted:

Chris Russell – Regional Director, East Midlands
David Carter – Senior HMI – Early Years & Schools, East Midlands
Joanne Smith – HMI – Early Years, East Midlands
Kathryn Bell – Early Years Senior Officer, East Midlands
Welcome!

Here from OBC:

Andrew Clifford, Director, Naturally Outdoors / BEE
Kala Patel, Chief Exec, Kiddycare Nurseries
Alison Pickering, Owner, Daisies Day Nurseries
Helen Ruff, Service Manager, Adapt Childcare Training
Tracie Dodd, Service Manager, Adapt Childcare Training

Other Steering Group Members:

Nicola Wood, Owner, Grosvenor House Day Nursery & Pre School
Michelle Harris, Owner, Rhyme Time & Woodleys Nursery Group
Sam Evans, Owner, Little Learners Nursery
Background to Ofsted Big Conversation

Started on 12th April 2013 on LinkedIn with a simple question posed by June O’Sullivan (Chief Executive at London Early Years Foundation)

“What is happening with Ofsted? Are you seeing a spate of inspections triggered by “anonymous” complaints? Are the outcomes leading to more downgrades?”
Since then…

9 Regional grassroots, Voluntary Steering groups formed

All regions engaged with Ofsted Regional directors

Significant progress made

- Brought forward inspection regime abandoned
- Revisions to Ofsted complaints procedure
- Real engagement with Ofsted
- Re-training of inspectors by Ofsted
- Ofsted to bring EY Inspections in-house April 2017
National Agenda of the Ofsted Big Conversation

• Ofsted complaint process needs to be fit for purpose
• Ensuring consistent and high quality inspections
• EY in settings & schools to be inspected on level playing field
• Addressing inspectors conflicts of interest
• More focus on Childminder issues
• Challenge the nonsense

Watchlist

• 30 month registration visits
• EY Pupil Premium
• British values
Ofsted Big Conversation – A Partnership

- Main achievement is real and effective engagement with Ofsted.
- A mutual respect that we both want what it is best for children.
- Significant time devoted to this engagement including termly meetings with Ofsted and representation on the Stage 3 scrutiny/complaints panels.
- Steering Group still being developed in East Midlands – we need specific reps from Derbyshire, Lincolnshire & further representation of Childminders & OOSC’s.
Following the OBC...

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David Carter
Senior HMI East Midlands
Presentation
Comfort break!
Using your half day notice of inspection
Early years inspection handbook

Guidance

Early years inspection handbook from September 2015

From: Ofsted

Published: 15 June 2015
Updated: 28 August 2015

Guidance for inspecting early years providers under the common inspection framework from September 2015.

Documents

- Early years inspection handbook from September 2015
  - MS Word Document, 764KB
  - This file may not be suitable for users of assistive technology. Request a different format.

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Detail

This handbook describes the main activities Inspectors undertake and the judgements Inspectors will make when inspecting early years providers under the "Common Inspection framework: education, skills and early years".
Half day notice……..

Normally receive a call at or just after midday on the working day before the start of the inspection

If all reasonable steps have been taken to make contact ..... the inspector has not been able to speak to anyone……continue the following day without notice

Ofsted may conduct inspections without notice. This normally, but not exclusively, happens when inspections are prioritised because of concerns that have been expressed about the setting
Half day notice…….

Childminders… summer play schemes, will usually receive a call no more than five days before the inspection to check days operating and if children on roll and present. The inspector must not specify the date of the inspection but should indicate the time of day by when the inspection will start. This will allow the childminder to leave the house if the inspector has not arrived by that time.

The telephone call is the first opportunity to initiate a professional relationship between the inspector and the provider or their representative. It should be short and focused on practical issues.

Inspectors should not use this conversation to probe or start inspecting.
Half day notice....... 

**What do I do when the call comes?**

**What happens if someone else in my team takes the call?**

**Do I tell my team?**

**How do we best use the time available?**
Using the time wisely:-

• key documents ready and available (not fishing for them on the day)

• set out suitable space and facilities for inspector

• review current planning / lines of interest – consider joint observation – discuss with practitioner involved

• reviewing diary – is there anything planned in that may affect your day – settling in visits, show rounds, supervision, staff holidays / absence / shift patterns

• the advice is the same for childminders and nurseries / pre-schools – use the time to make sure your evidence folder is up-to-date, inform parents that an inspector is coming and ask them for comments, collect yourself and put everything out you want your inspector to see
Suggested don’t do:-

• have a meltdown

• run around making last minute changes – e.g. displays, planning, room environments,

• implement new documents or try to finish your SEF.

• swap or draft in a different team or give the person(s) you are worried about speaking to Ofsted the day off!

• coach your teams on what to say!

• high-five the inspector on arrival and thank them for their call to get things sorted (wink wink)
Half day notice…

Case Study

Grosvenor House
Day Nursery & Pre-school
Half day notice...

With us being a new setting we knew that an inspection would be scheduled and whilst we prepared for this using the Inspection handbook we focused greatly on ensuring our staff team felt good about themselves and confident in their role. We used peer observations to support our teaching and learning and this helped us identify both what we were doing well, as well as identifying gaps and missed opportunities which we became comfortable sharing and talking about. We shared these openly with the inspector and used the Peer Observation documentation to complete the joint observation.
Half day notice...

We used the check list in the Inspection Handbook to prepare for the visit from the on-set of opening the nursery. This helped us get everything in order and prepare our documentation in a way whereby the inspector could look through at any time. However most importantly we wanted it to work for us and it wasn’t just seen as a tick box exercise but a live working system.
When I spoke to the inspector prior to her visit, I wanted to make her feel comfortable and welcome. It was important to us that she was made to feel part of our day. Inviting her to join the children for lunch, asking for the correct spelling of her name to ensure we had her name badge prepared and of course informing our families of her visit. We really encouraged our parents to either come in and visit during the day or leave a message on the phone system she provided.
Half day notice...

We ensured the office had a designated area for her to look through documentation (we displayed all of the files she had asked to see the night before), meet with the leadership team and speak with parents confidentially. This also gave us opportunities to share our journey with her, ask questions and take time to look through some of the information together.
Half day notice…

When we briefed the team that our inspection was going to take place our approach was very much “Be yourself, be proud of all that you do and be honest. Share your development plans, talk about challenges faced and your personal CPD”.

Grosvenor House
Day Nursery & Pre-school
Half day notice……..

• Discuss the half day notice with your team
  • Communicate your decision
• You know your own setting, do what you feel is right!
  • Keep to your plan
KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON
Thank you!
Open Floor – Q&A

Chance for questions
THANKYOU

Next Meeting – Summer Term
Date tbc - Northamptonshire