

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INSPECTORS

Inspectors are expected to carry out inspections in a way that aims to secure the full co-operation and confidence of the provider.

Inspectors are required to:

- Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of all aspects of legislation, guidance and standards underpinning Early Years registration and inspection
- Be thoroughly prepared and understand the nature of the provision
- Uphold the highest professional standards in their work
- Evaluate objectively, be impartial and inspect without fear or favour
- Evaluate provision in line with Early Years legislation and standards
- Base all evaluations on clear and robust evidence
- Have no connection with the provider which could undermine their objectivity
- Report honestly and clearly, ensuring that judgements are fair and reliable
- Carry out their work with integrity, treating all those they meet with courtesy, respect and sensitivity, ensuring that all those involved benefit from the inspection
- Endeavour to minimise stress on those involved in the inspection
- Act in the best interests and ensure the well-being of children firstly and their parents
- Maintain purposeful and productive dialogue with those being inspected, and communicate judgements clearly and frankly
- Respect the confidentiality of information, particularly about individuals and their work
- Respond appropriately to reasonable requests
- Take prompt and appropriate action on any safeguarding or health and safety issues