

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Joint inspections with Estyn

### A new approach

**Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) and Estyn will soon jointly inspect care and education in regulated non-school services, eligible for funding to provide the Foundation Phase for three and four-year-old children.**

The new inspection framework has been developed over several years and in consultation with those working in the sector.

This approach will mean fewer inspection-related visits for non-maintained nursery settings. CIW and Estyn inspectors will work together to evaluate a setting, with CIW leading on the quality and safety of childcare and Estyn focusing on education.

#### **Outcomes for children remain the central concern. These joint inspections will deliver:**

- A revised inspection framework that covers fewer, but broader areas
- One inspection report that covers standards in both childcare and education
- New timescales for the length, frequency and notice period for an inspection.

### Next steps

CIW and Estyn are in the process of finalising the inspection framework in consultation with stakeholder forum members, non-maintained advisory teachers, local authorities and consortia. The aim is to publish draft guidance in September 2018 with the new framework coming into effect from January 2019.

Look out for an email invitation to childcare provider events later this year. The events are due to take place in November at locations across Wales.

To find out about the inspection of childcare, visit <https://careinspectorate.wales/>

