

Table listing the specified grades at which local authorities are able to withdraw or refuse entitlements funding

<i>Type of provision and inspectorate</i>	<i>Date of inspection</i>	<i>Specified grades for the entitlement for 2-year-olds from families receiving additional support (LAs are not required to fund, and LAs must include provision in provider agreements enabling the termination of funding if the provider receives these grades)</i>	<i>Specified grades for the working parent entitlement and the universal entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds (LAs are not required to fund, and LAs must include provision in provider agreements enabling the termination of funding if the provider receives these grades)</i>
Early years provision at state schools and academies, including maintained nursery schools, inspected by Ofsted under section 5 of the Education Act 2005	before 2nd September 2024	“Inadequate” or “requires improvement” for overall effectiveness	“Inadequate” for overall effectiveness
	on or after 2nd September 2024 but before 10th November 2025	Significant improvement or special measures are required (within the meaning of section 13(1) Education Act 2005), or “Requires improvement” or “inadequate” for the effectiveness of the early years provision	Significant improvement or special measures are required (within the meaning of section 13(1) Education Act 2005)
	on or after 10th November 2025	Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or Leadership and governance is graded either “urgent improvement” or “needs attention”	Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or Leadership and governance is graded “urgent improvement”

Early years provision registered in the early years register, such as private, voluntary and independent providers, inspected by Ofsted under section 49(2) of the Childcare Act 2006	before 10th November 2025	“Inadequate” or “requires improvement” for overall effectiveness	“Inadequate” for overall effectiveness
	on or after 10th November 2025	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded either “urgent improvement” or “needs attention”</p>	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded “urgent improvement”</p>
Independent schools inspected by Ofsted AND early years provision registered in the early years register but inspected by an independent inspectorate	before 5th January 2026	“Inadequate” or “requires improvement” for overall effectiveness	“Inadequate” for overall effectiveness
	on or after 5th January 2026	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded either “urgent improvement” or “needs attention”</p>	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded “urgent improvement”</p>
Independent schools inspected by an independent inspectorate where the early years provision is exempt from registering in the early years register	any date	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded “not met”</p>	<p>Safeguarding standards are “not met”, or</p> <p>Leadership and governance is graded “urgent improvement”</p>