



Group-based settings Support Programme

Apply for bespoke support from an Early Years Stronger Practice Advisor (EYSPA)



Are you a group-setting who would benefit from targeted support to address areas identified during your most recent Ofsted Inspection?

The Thames Valley and South Central Early Years Stronger Practice Hub offers bespoke support from an Early Years Stronger Practice Advisor (EYSPA) to help you strengthen practice, build confidence and improve outcomes for children.



Bespoke support.
Stronger practice.
Better outcomes
for children.



Who is Eligible?

Group-based settings are eligible to apply if your most recent Ofsted judgement includes:

"Needs Attention" or "Urgent Improvement" under the post-November 2025 framework

OR

"Requires Improvement" or "Inadequate" under the pre-November 2025 framework

Additional Eligibility Criteria

Settings may also be eligible if they have high numbers of children:

- ✓ Eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYP)
- ✓ Eligible for the Early Learning for 2-Year olds Offer
- ✓ With SEND needs and qualifying for support



What support will you receive?

Successful applicants will receive:



3-4 full working days of **in-person** support



Support delivered in **1 school term**



Tailored **coaching and improvement support** from an EYSPA



How will support be delivered?



In-person support

Support will be delivered in-person by your assigned EYSPA, based on the location of your setting.



Ready to strengthen your practice?

Scan the QR code to apply today!



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