

Ofsted introduces tougher nursery inspections regime ^[1]

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Tens of thousands of young children attend nurseries and pre-schools that are considered not good enough by inspectors, figures show.

Ofsted is introducing tougher inspections for nurseries and pre-schools, with those rated as failing at risk of closure if they do not rapidly improve.

From Monday only a rating of good or outstanding will be considered acceptable, the watchdog said. Those that fail to meet these standards could face having their registration cancelled, effectively closing them down.

The old satisfactory rating will be replaced by "requires improvement", a change that has already been made to school inspections. Nurseries and pre-schools handed this rating will be monitored and reinspected within a year. They will have two years to raise their game and be judged as good or risk being declared inadequate.

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