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**Nick Hudson**  
Director Early Education  
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Dear colleague

### **Changes being implemented from September 2015**

Earlier this month Sir Michael Wilshaw wrote to all early years providers outlining further reforms to the way Ofsted inspects. These reforms come into effect from September 2015 and will help to ensure that children receive the education and care they deserve. You can read Sir Michael's letter on our website:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-changes-from-september-2015-ofsted-letter-to-providers](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-inspection-changes-from-september-2015-ofsted-letter-to-providers).

With effect from 1 September 2015, I will be moving on from my role as Director, Early Education within Ofsted to focus solely on my role as Regional Director, North East, Yorkshire and Humber as we implement the various changes to our inspection practice. The overall responsibility for early education inspection policy moves to Sean Harford, as National Director, Education. Sean will be supported by Gill Jones as Deputy Director, Early Education.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as National Director, Early Education and have appreciated the professional dialogue, which has informed the changes we have introduced over the last 18 months. I am particularly grateful to colleagues on our National Consultative Forum for their contribution and support during this time. Thank you also for the hard work you and your members are doing to raise standards and improve the lives of, and outcomes for, young children.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Hudson  
Director, Early Education  
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