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determine whether these children can be accommodated elsewhere.

If the provider in question is open and offering Nursery Education Funding all year round, only other all year-round providers will be considered. If the provider is operating on a term-time only basis offering the funding on a term-time only basis, only providers with a term-time only funding offer will be considered.

The NEF Sufficiency Assessment will be shared with the Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency and Funding Group, who will then make a recommendation regarding withdrawal of funding, to be approved by the Group Manager Sufficiency & Place Planning.

The decision will be made and communicated to the provider and parents/carers of funded children within four weeks of the published judgement. Parents/Carers will be written to directly, to inform them of the decision. Access to funding will normally be withdrawn at the end of a term or at half

If a provider is allowed to continue offering funded places, following a requires improvement , inadequate or not met judgement, the provider must work with their allocated Improvement Advisor to improve the quality of their provision. The Improvement Advisor will track the progress of funded children at regular intervals until the setting is re-inspected, to ensure that funded children are receiving good quality early education.