



EYFS - Early Years Foundation Stage ***(Sept 2014)***

The EYFS sets the standards for children aged 0 to 5 required for learning, development and care. It combines learning goals and the National Childcare Standards.

“Every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential... a child’s experiences between birth to five have a major impact on their future life chances.”

The EYFS sets the standards that all providers must meet to ensure all children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. The EYFS gives children the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.

The areas of learning & development

There are seven areas, which are all important and inter-connected.

Three prime areas are particularly crucial for igniting children’s curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

These are:

- Communication and language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In four specific areas providers must support children, these are:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Each area of development and learning must be implemented through planned, purposeful play and activities that are both adult led and child initiated. In planning and guiding activities, practitioners reflect on the different ways children learn and reflect within the setting.

A copy of the Early Years Foundation Stage is available at any time for you to read, please just ask.