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Department for Education (DfE)

30 hours Childcare Entitlement

In June 2015, the government introduced the Childcare Bill to bring in 30 hours of free childcare for employed families of 3 and 4 year olds.

The childcare expansion will be rolled out nationally in 2017, [with early implementation in some areas](#) to begin in September 2016. Information on Ealing's role as an early implementer innovator can be found [here on the Ealing Grid for Learning \(EGfL\) website](#), including a downloadable presentation indicating the activities and support Ealing will be providing

[The Foundation Years website](#) will be hosting all resources from the DfE on the 30 hours childcare entitlement as they are made available

Paediatric First Aid

[Paediatric first aid requirements in the statutory framework for the early years foundation stage: government response](#)

Following a review of the consultation results regarding paediatric first aid requirements set out in the EYFS, the Government will proceed with requirements for additional staff to be trained- *"...from 1 September 2016, a requirement in the EYFS that for newly qualified early years staff (with full and relevant level 2 or level 3 childcare qualification) to also hold a current Paediatric First Aid (PFA) or emergency PFA certificate in order to be included in the required staff: child ratios in an early years setting. Childcare providers will be allowed a three month 'grace' period to complete PFA training after starting work with a new employer." Subject to Parliamentary approval, regulations will be in force from September 2016, with the EYFS being revised to reflect this."*

The National Day Nurseries Association have published answers from the DfE on [frequently asked questions regarding Paediatric First Aid requirements](#)

Medicines in early years settings

[DfE have provided clarification](#) on the meaning of prescribed medicines in paragraph 3.45 of the EYFS

Reception Baseline

[Reception baseline assessment will not be used as a starting point to measure pupil progress following a comparability study.](#)

The Department for Education has published the [results of a study that compares the 3 reception baseline assessments used by schools in the 2015 to 2016 academic year](#). The study concludes that the 3 different assessments are not sufficiently comparable to create a fair starting point from which to measure pupils' progress. As a result, the results cannot be used as the baseline for progress measures, as it would be inappropriate and unfair to schools.

Key stage 1 (KS1) will continue to be used as the starting point from which to measure this year's reception pupils' progress to KS2.

The use of a baseline assessment in the 16/17 academic year is optional, and the outcomes from the assessments will not be used for accountability.

It continues to be good practice for teacher assessment of a child's on entry baseline (using information from their previous setting/home visits/visits to schools/observations in the first few weeks of school), though this can be a school based decision

Standards & Testing Agency

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

[The early years foundation stage profile will remain statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year](#)

The Standards and Testing Agency have communicated with operational leads in schools and local authorities to confirm that the EYFSP will remain statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year. The Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening, has just announced that the EYFSP will also remain in place for the 2017 to 2018 academic year. Schools must complete the EYFSP for reception pupils by 30th June 2017 and report results to the local authority

[EYFSP results for the 2015 to 2016 academic year have been published](#)

The Department of Health

Electrical socket covers

The Department of Health are instructing Health and Social Care settings to stop using socket covers/inserts due to safety issues, by the 1st December 2016. Read the alert [here](#)

The Department for Education advises: *Although it is not illegal to use electrical safety socket covers, the DfE recommends that providers should take into account the advice included in this alert when carrying out their own risk assessment.*

Ofsted

[Safeguarding concerns-guidance for inspectors](#) What an Ofsted inspector should do when a child or young person tells them that a child or young person is being harmed or at risk of harm.

Updated August 2016: [Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills](#) -guidance which exemplifies good practice in safeguarding, in addition to the statutory requirements of the EYFS. Ofsted Early Education Deputy Director Gill Jones provides answers to frequently asked questions on the safeguarding guidance [here](#)

Updated 2016:[Factsheet about registering school-based provision of childcare with Ofsted](#)

Videos- (Lee Owston, Ofsted's National Lead for Early Years):

[Teaching and play in the early years](#)

[What inspectors will be looking at when inspecting teaching, learning and assessment](#)

[Ofsted has no preferred style of teaching](#)

[Disadvantaged children and the Pupil premium](#)

Videos- (Jane Wotherspoon, HM Inspector):

[What teaching means in the early years](#)

GOV.UK

[Recruiting and hiring](#)

[New online tool](#) to check if a potential employee has the right to work in the UK and what documents to check.

Family Action

[Support for early years settings and schools](#)

Visit the [Learning Exchange](#) to download a wide range of free resources to support settings to:

- develop more inclusive childcare practices for 0-5s with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- set up wraparound provision on a school site, such as after-school, breakfast and holiday clubs.

Local

Early Years national funding formula – Ealing Consultation launch date

We will be launching the Early Years national funding formula – Ealing Consultation on Tuesday the 1st of November, which will be available on [EGfL in the Early Years section](#). Responses due: Tuesday the 13th December 12pm.

SEND and Inclusion

[The SEND and Inclusion page](#) on the EGfL has been updated to include a number of resources and a practical toolkit

Ealing Early Years Conference

Look out for further details of our annual conference planned for early Spring term 2017. The focus of the conference is the 30 hour free childcare entitlement and high quality provision in early years settings

Ealing Schools Conference

Look out for further details of the conference planned for early Spring term 2017. The focus of the conference is the 30 hour free childcare entitlement and high quality provision in schools

Training and briefing sessions

To view full details of all training and briefing sessions visit [Ealing CPD online](#)

Upcoming Ealing early years training:

Improving the quality of your childminding setting- 2/11/16

Early Help Assessment and Plan (formerly CAF) - 7/11/16, 12/12/16

Mathematics in the EYFS- 7/11/16 and 21/11/16

SENCO network meeting- 7/11/16

EYFS leaders' briefing- 8/11/16, 28/2/17

Writing in the EYFS- 14/11/16 and 28/11/16

Understanding behaviour in the early years- 15/11/16 and 22/11/16

Ofsted common inspection framework and evaluation schedule – 18/11/16

SENCO leadership orientation briefing- 24/11/16, 25/11/16

Food safety for home based childcare (level 1)- 26/11/16

Role of Nominated Safeguarding Person- 28/11/16

Managers network meeting- 2/12/16, 3/2/17, 24/3/17

Paediatric first aid- 3/12/16

Food safety for childcare settings (formerly essential food hygiene)- 5/12/16

Early years nominated safeguarding persons network meeting- 7/12/16

Early language development programme- 19/12/16

Introduction to safeguarding/ child protection- 19/12/16, 14/1/17

SENCO leadership training- 17/1/17, 18/1/17