

DfE Early Years

Reading list and resources



Guidance and Legislation

EYFS Framework

Refer to the [early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#) for the standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

Working Together to Safeguard Children

[Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) provides statutory guidance on multi-agency working to help, support and protect children.

NSPCC - Child protection system in England

Visit the NSPCC Learning website to [find out more about the child protection system in England](#).

The SEND code of practice

[The SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years](#) gives guidance on the special educational needs and disability (SEND) system for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

Keeping Children Safe in Education

[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) provides statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.



Domestic Abuse

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

Call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on **0808 2000 247** or visit their website to [access support for victims of domestic abuse](#).

Women's Aid

[Women's Aid](#) also support victims of domestic abuse.

Men's advice line and ManKind Initiative

Male victims of domestic abuse can contact the [Men's advice line](#) or the [ManKind Initiative](#) for help.



Safeguarding issues

NSPCC - Safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities

NSPCC Learning offers [information about safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities](#).

Talk Pants

[Talk Pants](#) helps children understand that they have a right to say no and that if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

Guidance and support on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

For guidance and support on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), [consult the National FGM Centre](#) or [refer to the multi-agency guidelines on the GOV.UK website](#).

NSPCC - Understanding sexualised behaviour in children

NSPCC Learning can help you [understand sexualised behaviour in children](#).



Support for professionals

Foundation Years

The Foundations Years website shares the [latest news, policy and resources for early years professionals](#).

Education Support

[Education Support](#) supports the wellbeing of teachers and education staff.

NSPCC Helpline

Call 0808 800 5000

GOV.UK - Whistleblowing for employees

The GOV.UK website shares [information on whistleblowing for employees](#).

Alternatively, you can **call 0800 028 0285**

Complaints procedure - Ofsted

Refer to the GOV.UK website for detailed information on how to make a complaint to Ofsted about services they inspect and/or regulate, or about Ofsted's representatives or service.

Ofsted - [Complaints procedure - Ofsted - GOV.UK](#)

Children's Commissioner for England

You can contact the Children's Commissioner for England by telephone at **020 7783 8330**, by [email](#) or via the [Children's Commissioner website](#).

Email: info.request@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Find your local council

[Find your local council](#) on the GOV.UK website.



Safeguarding Babies

Best Start in Life

Best Start in Life provides [advice and support for parents about a child's development](#) as well as a [campaign toolkit](#).

NSPCC - The CASPAR briefing

The CASPAR briefing explores [how to safeguard children under one from non-accidental injury caused by male carers](#).

NSPCC Look Say Sing Play

NSPCC Look Say Sing Play provides [tips on how to use play to build children's brains right from birth](#).





Online Safety

Internet Watch Foundation

You can use the Internet Watch Foundation website to [report online child sexual abuse anonymously](#).

Techosaurus (NSPCC)

Techosaurus (NSPCC) makes it easier to have [conversations with children about online safety](#).

The Department for Education

The Department for Education provides useful [guidance on internet safety](#).

The UK Council for Internet Safety

The UK Council for Internet Safety shares [online safety considerations for managers](#).



Safer Recruitment

NSPCC - Safer recruitment

NSPCC Learning shares useful [information on safer recruitment](#).

DfE - Early years employment reference template

The DfE has created an [early years employment reference template](#) to help early years providers give references for current and former employees.

