



Early Years Foundation Stage Reforms

Implementation support for local authorities

Background

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) reforms consultation was launched on 24 October 2019 and the government response to the consultation, outlining the final reforms, was published on 1 July 2020.

The early adopter year will still go ahead as planned from September 2020, with national implementation from September 2021.

Therefore, the new EYFS framework will apply for early adopter schools in 2020/21 and for all providers from September 2021.

Key documents published

- [Government response to the Early Years Foundation Stage consultation](#)
Provides a summary of the consultation responses and the government decisions taken following the consultation.
- [New Early Adopter Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework](#)
The EYFS statutory framework sets the standards that all early years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. This version of the framework is mandatory for early adopter schools only in England from 1 September 2020. This content will be the same for statutory implementation in 2021/22, with the addition of promoting oral health which doesn't apply to the EA year.
- [New Early Adopter Early Years Foundation Stage handbook](#)
This non-statutory assessment guidance handbook has been produced to help teachers make accurate judgements about each child's attainment at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and to detail the statutory requirements for the EYFS profile assessment. This version has been produced for schools participating in the EYFS reforms early adopter year from September 2020, but the content will be the same for national implementation in 2021/22.

- [Implementation support presentation for LAs](#)

The presentation sent with this pack provides an overview of the final EYFS reforms along with details about next steps to help LAs plan their support for early years providers to implement the reforms.

Timeline for further publications and support

The department will be providing support for LAs and all EY providers to implement the EYFS reforms. The planned support will include at least the following:

Date	Support	Audience
August 2020	FAQ document for LAs We will provide responses to frequently asked questions, including those asked following the LA presentation, so that colleagues have a central and consistent set of replies to common queries.	LAs
Summer 2020	Updated Curriculum Guidance The department is working on updating <i>Development Matters</i> , the non-statutory guidance which supports the delivery of the EYFS framework. We are taking the opportunity to re-focus this guidance on curriculum, so that it is not used as a tracking document to the ELGs. The key objectives of this work are to improve early years outcomes, reduce workload burdens and to use this as an opportunity to develop specific guidance for reception year that sits clearly within the EYFS but links fluidly with the national curriculum. Dr Julian Grenier (head teacher at Sheringham Nursery School), is leading this work.	All EY providers
January/February 2021	Virtual Training Events The department will offer virtual training for all LAs on the reforms. This training will include an in depth look at the changes and practical advice about how these should be interpreted by settings.	LAs

By Spring 2021	New exemplification materials The department will produce new exemplification materials to support teachers to make accurate judgements when carrying out the EYFS profile assessment. These can also be used as part of discussions to ensure consistency.	Schools
Throughout 2020/21	Webinars - Early Adopters Early adopter schools will be offered to attend a series of webinars throughout 2020/21 to provide information about the reforms and practical advice about how the reforms can be implemented in settings.	Early Adopter Schools
By Spring 2021	Webinars – all We are currently looking into options to provide online tutorial sessions / webinars for all providers. These would provide information about the reforms and practical advice about how the reforms can be implemented in settings, to help prepare providers for national roll out of the reforms.	All EY providers
By Summer 2021	New online support package - tbc We are also looking into the development of an online training offer for PVI's and childminders. More information about this will be available shortly.	PVIs and childminders