**Policies and Procedures for the EYFS 2024/25**

All policies and procedures have been reviewed to ensure they meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage November 1st, 2024. They are suitable for group and school-based providers including Childcare on domestic premises (CoDP) and Childcare on non-domestic premises (CoNDP as described below.

There are 2 frameworks as follows:

* EYFS statutory framework for childminders
* EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers – which is mandatory for:
  + all persons registered in England with Ofsted in the early years register, or with an early years childminder agency (CMA):
  + to provide early years childcare on domestic premises (CoDPs); or
  + to provide early years childcare on non-domestic premises (CoNDPs); (referred to collectively in this EYFS framework as ‘group-based early years providers’)

Where providers are required to have policies and procedures as specified below, these policies and procedures should be recorded in writing.

* Safeguarding policies must include: 
  + The action to be taken when there are safeguarding concerns about a child.  (Procedure 6.01 ‘Responding to safeguarding or child protection concerns).
  + The action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a member of staff. (Procedure 6.02 Concerns and allegations against staff, students, or volunteers)
  + How mobile phones, cameras and other electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities are used in the setting. (Procedure 6.09 E-Safety)**Including health and apple watches**
  + Procedures to follow to check the suitability of new recruits

**There are new requirements to the EYFS safeguarding and welfare requirements coming into force September 2025 that are also included in this publication. More information about the changes and the rationale for making them can be found here:** [Early Years Foundation Stage safeguarding reforms - consultation response](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6705184530536cb927482dd6/Early_years_foundation_stage_safeguarding_reforms_-_response.pdf)

The changes are highlighted in red for each procedure and are summarised here:

1.21 Terrorist attacks and lock down has been renamed as Emergency evacuation and lockdown to align with requirement for induction training to include emergency evacuation (EYFS – training and skills). The revised procedure includes an emergency evacuation plan for adaptation.

6.9 Additional information about internet safety.

8.01 **NEW PROCEDURE** – recruitment checks.

8.02 Further clarification on who may be included in ratios and supervision of children at mealtimes.

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9.7 Children always within sight and hearing of staff when eating.

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