

Where can you find more information?

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS)

www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2

Early Years Qualifications Finder

www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-qualifications-finder

Early Years Teachers

https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/job_profiles/Pages/earlyyearsteacher.aspx



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Have you ever considered working in Early Years?

There are many opportunities for you if you enjoy working with young children and want to have a positive impact on a young person's life.

In this hands on role, you would directly contribute to the learning and development of the young children you work with. Daily tasks may include:

- planning and preparing activities and materials;
- tracking progress and identifying areas in which children need particular support;
- working closely with parents/carers;
- working closely with professionals, such as Early Years practitioners, teachers and social workers.

There would also be many opportunities for continuing professional development (CPD)

What does working in Early Years mean?

Much of the day to day work in Early Years is set around the standards in the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS).

Working with young children aged 0-5 years, you would be responsible for supporting learning and development at an impressionable stage. This would involve:

- implementing and innovating activities to support language, literacy and numeracy skills, as well as social skills and behaviour.
- supporting children to develop according to the learning goals set out in the EYFS.
- providing a safe and enriching environment for children to learn, develop, and most importantly, to have fun.

What qualities & skills do you need to work in Early Years?

The following attributes will help you settle into a successful career in Early Years.

- Ability to work well as part of a team
- Adaptability
- Awareness of relevant policies and standards
- Commitment to working with young people and supporting their learning and development
- Creativity
- Strong organisational and interpersonal skills
- Patience
- Resilience

What qualifications do you need to work in Early Years?

Early Years Educators were introduced in September 2014. These are specialists with a level 3 qualification. Early Years Educators must also have at least a GCSE grade C in English and Maths.

The **Early Years Educator Apprenticeship Standard** was introduced in 2014. To complete this qualification, learners must achieve at least a GCSE grade C on exit.

Early Years Teachers work with and supervise Early Years Educators. To become an Early Years Teacher, individuals must have a degree and GCSEs (A*-C) in English, Maths and a Science subject, or equivalent qualifications; they must also complete Early Years initial teacher training.