



Changes to the EYFS for group and school-based providers in January 2024

There will now be two versions of the EYFS: one for childminders, and one for group and school-based providers. Make sure you are referring to the right version for you when you need to. **This is a summary of some of the changes you need to be aware of.**

Group and school-based settings must:

- ensure setting managers employed on or after 4 January 2024 must hold a level 2 maths qualification, or must achieve one within 2 years of starting in the position - make sure this is the case in your setting
- ensure your setting's safeguarding policies and procedures include all electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities, not just mobile phones and cameras
- check all level 2/3 staff members hold a valid PFA certificate, otherwise they should not be included in ratio

Group and school-based settings should know that:

- level 3 practitioners in group and school-based settings will no longer be required to hold a level 2 maths qualification to count within staff:child ratios
- a manager in group and school-based settings can now allow students and apprentices to count in staff:child ratios at the level below their level of study, if the manager is satisfied that they are competent and responsible
- settings will no longer be required to provide opportunities for children to develop and use their home language in play and learning – consider what the best way to support children in your setting

A full list of all the changes can be found:

help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/2024-eyfs-reforms