

Early Years Legislative Changes

Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework

All registered early years providers must follow the new EYFS frameworks from 1st September 2025.

There are two frameworks:

- EYFS statutory framework for childminders – access [here](#)
- EYFS statutory framework for group and school based providers - access [here](#)

The new frameworks incorporate the safeguarding reforms, the new nutrition guidance and the early years qualification requirements and standards. Further information can be found [here](#).

Expansion of the Early Years Entitlements

From 1st September 2025 the final stage of the expansion rollout will occur, with eligible working parents able to access up to 30 free hours per week (over 38 weeks a year) for children aged from 9 months old until they start school.

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Education Inspection Framework Engagement Programme

Ofsted is implementing changes to its inspection framework from November 2025. The renewed Education Inspection framework will be released in the first part of September 2025.

To support providers to familiarise themselves with the changes, **Ofsted** are launching their engagement programme which will run from September to November 2025. The programme consists of webinars, blogs and regional events. Providers can attend live webinars that set out the main changes to education inspections. These webinars are taking place in September and places can be booked here:

[Nurseries, pre-schools and other registered early years settings](#)

[Childminders: renewed framework webinar](#)

[Out of school providers registered on the Early Years Register: renewed inspection framework webinar](#)

[State funded primary schools](#)

The LA are in discussions with **Ofsted** regarding securing a date for a regional event in the East Midlands. Further details to follow.

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Inspections under the **new Education Inspection** framework will begin in **November 2025**



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