

The Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework is changing from 1 September 2026.

At New Beginnings, we already go above and beyond to ensure the highest standards for all our children, families and staff.



We are one step ahead!

Many of the enhanced expectations are already part of our daily practice and culture.

KEY CHANGES AT A GLANCE

Here's how we already exceed the enhanced EYFS expectations:



EVERYONE HAS SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All staff, students, volunteers, visitors and anyone caring for children understand and follow our safeguarding policies and procedures.



RECRUITMENT EXPECTATIONS HAVE INCREASED

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We always carry out enhanced DBS and barred list checks before anyone starts with us.
- Staff MUST disclose any information that may affect their suitability to work with children (as per contracts).
 - We obtain written references prior to employment.



SLEEPING REQUIREMENTS ARE MORE DETAILED

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We enhanced our sleep practices in May 2026 in preparation for the forthcoming changes.
- Safe sleep positions and cot contents
 - Room temperature and environment
 - Close supervision and monitoring
 - Clear sleep policies and training



CHILDREN'S SCREEN USE

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We have been monitoring screen use in our setting under a clear policy for a number of years.
- Screens are used thoughtfully and purposefully.
 - We focus on high quality, interactive learning opportunities.



FOOD AND EATING EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We promote healthy eating and follow robust procedures
- Nutritious meals and snacks
 - Safer eating guidance followed
 - Food hygiene and storage procedures
 - Staff trained in food safety



RISK ASSESSMENT REMINDERS

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We continuously assess and minimise risks to keep children safe.
- Dynamic risk assessments
 - Premises, outings and activities
 - Regular reviews and updates



STAFF : CHILD RATIOS

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
Staff: child ratios are managed across the whole provision to ensure flexibility, safety and high quality interactions at all times.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We provide clear, accessible information about our setting, policies, funding and how to raise any concerns.
- Welcome packs
 - Websites and updates
 - Open communication



VOLUNTEERS & APPRENTICES

- ✓ **Already at New Beginnings**
We have always ensured volunteers, apprentices and students have enhanced DBS checks before joining New Beginnings.
- Induction and training are provided for everyone.



BIRTH TO 5 MATTERS WAS REISSUED BY THE EARLY YEARS COALITION.
More information can be found at <https://birthto5matters.org.uk/>

Our Commitment Never Changes

We are proud to be ahead of many of these changes because children's safety, wellbeing and learning have always been at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you!



Together we grow, learn and thrive – every child, every day.

