

# Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Course Guide



# Achieving your Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (RQF)

## *Is this course for me?*

If you're currently working under supervision in a paid role - such as an early years worker/ assistant or practitioner within an early years childcare setting - and you want to learn about how to support the development of babies and young children from Birth to 7-years-old, this course would be ideal for you!



## *How long will the course take me to complete?*

As with anything worthwhile, this course requires you to dedicate some of your time to it. This will be up to 15 months in total, but afterwards, you'll have the fantastic feeling of becoming a professionally recognised Early Years Practitioner and set yourself up for a rewarding career.

You will be assigned your own tutor to support you throughout your qualification. However, you may be required to do some independent learning.



The course is made up of 2 parts, as follows:

●▶ **Main part of the course – 12 months.**

The units are based around your skills, knowledge and behaviours which you gain throughout your apprenticeship.

●▶ **Part 2 is in two sections - duration 3 months:**

Preparation for your End Point Assessment (this is called Gateway). Upload any relevant certificates and evidence of portfolio work. End Point Assessment consisting of direct observation around your skills, knowledge and behaviours and a professional discussion, supported by your portfolio of evidence.

Depending on your prior learning, the length of your apprenticeship may be reduced – this will be discussed on your enrolment call with our team.

## ***How do I achieve the qualification?***

This course will include personal learning and thinking skills, as well as Functional Skills in English and Maths, if applicable.

### ***Functional Skills – risks and implications of opting out.***

It's strongly recommended that you take Functional Skills exams if you have not achieved GCSEs in English and maths - and include this during your apprenticeship, as it's fully funded.

Opting out of functional skills is an option. However, it could limit your role in an early years setting, as you may not count towards staff-to-child ratios without a recognised Level 2 English qualification. This may also impact your career progression as many employers and industry bodies require these core skills.

Managers appointed on or after 4 January 2024 must hold a Level 2 Maths qualification or achieve one within two years of starting their position. Additionally, your setting may face staffing challenges, and your employer is responsible for ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements.

**You must be aged 19 or over on the day you start your apprenticeship to be able to opt out of functional skills.**

**What's more, government funding is available for non-levy employers.**

**If you're eligible for funding, and you are under 22 the course is completely free to your employer. If you're over 22, they only pay 5%!**

## ***What about classes?***

Great news – there are no classes to attend at a college, but you will be required to attend theory based masterclasses that we provide. You will have regular contact with your Parenta tutor either remotely or face to face to observe you at work and check you're fulfilling the course requirements. Your tutor will set you course work to complete on OneFile our e-learning platform and will agree submission timings with you. It is important that you meet your submission deadlines to ensure you complete your qualification on time.

## ***How will I be assessed during my course?***

You'll be assessed through a mixture of 'at home' and 'at work' tasks. Before this happens, your tutor will talk with you to find out what learning style suits you best and tailor your assessments around it.



### ***At home:***

- ▶ Writing from personal experience
- ▶ Case studies on babies and children
- ▶ Assignments asking you to describe/explain something
- ▶ Reflections on how you dealt with past events

### ***At work:***

- ▶ Observations by your tutor
- ▶ Professional discussions with your tutor

## Why choose Parenta?

Doing an apprenticeship with Parenta means you get so much more! You get...

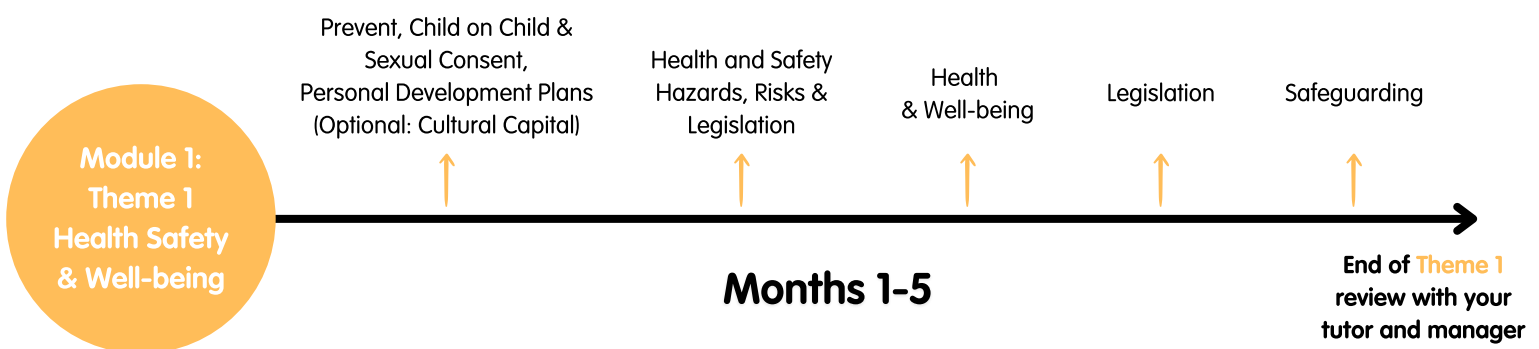
- ▶ Your own skills coach to support you every step of the way
- ▶ **FREE** access to Maths and English teachers to support you (if required)
- ▶ **FREE** resources to support you in your role!
- ▶ **FREE** access to unlimited CPD training with Noodle Now!
- ▶ **FREE** monthly webinars
- ▶ **FREE** 40 page monthly magazine packed with industry expert articles



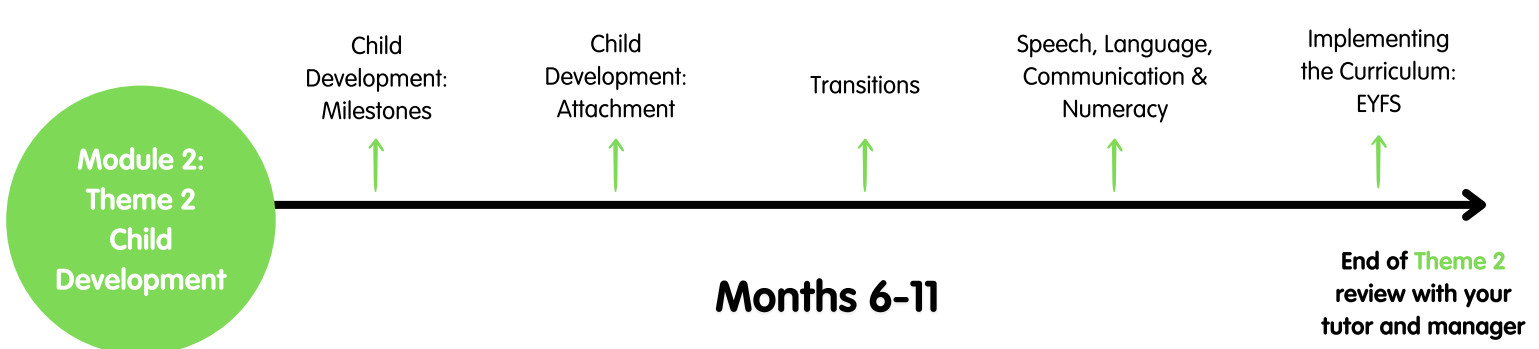


## Your monthly learning Training Plan

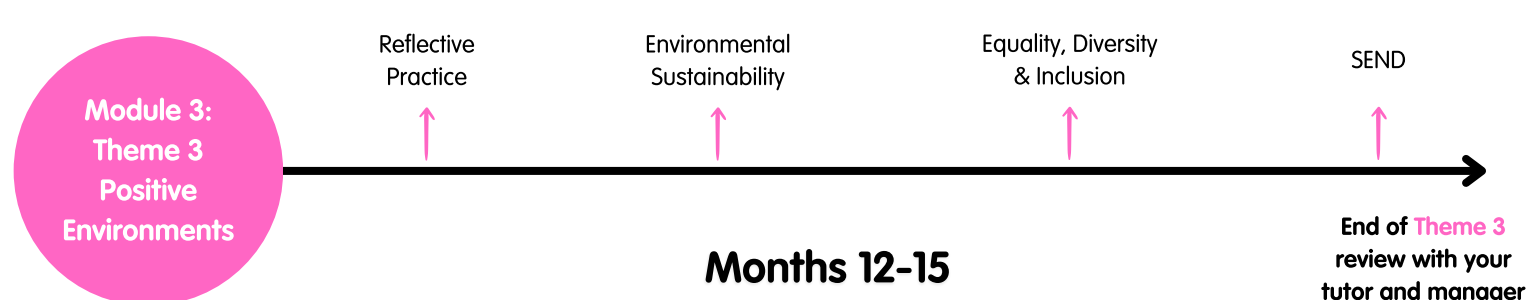
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## How will the course impact my future?

From a practical point of view, this course will give you the skills and qualification you need to care for babies and young children under supervision and also be counted in staff ratios in a childcare setting.

## Next steps

Once you've successfully achieved your Early Years Practitioner Level 2, you will be well on your way to a fantastic and rewarding career in childcare. You can continue to develop your knowledge and earn as you learn by doing a Level 3 Early Years Educator which will enable you to work unsupervised in a more senior position such as a key worker or team leader.

**If you want to boost your skills, broaden your knowledge, and have a greater impact on children's lives, this course opens the door to a brighter career in early years education.**



# Parenta Solutions



## SOFTWARE

### NURSERY MANAGEMENT - ABACUS

- Save hours by reducing planning time by 50%
- Speedy invoicing to all parents and carers in minutes
- Instant view of all financial reports
- Manage payments and track debt

### EYFS LEARNING JOURNEY TRACKER - FOOTSTEPS 2

- Record meaningful and detailed EYFS observations
- Improve essential safeguarding and save hours of time
- Reduce your workload and spend more time with the children
- Identify at a glance each child's development pathway

### ONLINE DAILY DIARY - DAYSHARE

- Share every magical moment of each child's day with their parents and carers with our online diary software

### PARENT PORTAL APP

- Bringing parents and carers closer to their child's day by providing a timeline of their progress
- Download Parent Portal App on Android or iOS



## ONLINE CPD COURSES

No deadlines, no time restrictions, no classroom! Support your staff or further your professional development with our online CPD accredited courses



## TRAINING

Increase employee motivation and keep staff for longer within your setting by offering training - the ideal tool for you to develop your team.

Parenta courses include:

- Level 2 Early Years Practitioner
- Level 3 Early Years Educator
- Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner

PLUS ... Parenta offers a free recruitment service - no fees!



## MARKETING SOLUTIONS

### WEBSITE DESIGN

- Our childcare websites generate genuine interest and leads from parents and carers
- We specialise in designing and building childcare websites so you can rest assured that our team know what Ofsted and parents/carers are looking for

### BRANDING & DESIGN

- Showcase your setting with branded products. From newsletters to logos and prospectuses to business cards, we take care of all your branding needs

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- We assist you with setting up and using your social media accounts in no time to help you increase your setting's visibility

## Working together for our children



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