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Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator

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Achieving your Level 3 Early Years Educator

LEVEL 3

Ready to take your early years career to the next level, on your own terms? Read on!

The self-funded Level 3 Early Years Educator gives you the same full and relevant qualification as our apprenticeship route, **without needing an employer to sponsor you.**

If you already carry out child observations and plan activities, this course is perfect for you. You will explore how children develop and learn how to nurture their physical, emotional and social well-being.

Achieving your Level 3 opens the door to higher paying roles. It makes you a professionally recognised Early Years Educator who can be counted in ratio.

**** Level 3 qualified educators are in high demand across the sector, making you a top choice for employers! ****



The Level 3 EYE Self-Funded course at a glance...

DURATION
Typically 12 to 18 months

LEVEL
3 Early Years Educator

LOCATION
An early years setting, with flexible online learning

FUNDING
Self-funded, so no employer sponsorship needed

RATIOS
Count in ratio once qualified

FRAMEWORK
Follows the EYFS statutory framework

WHO IT'S FOR
Open to learners aged 16 and over. You don't need to be employed, but you will need access to an early years setting, such as a job or work placement

ASSESSMENT
Portfolio of evidence and skills-based assessment, graded Pass or Fail

Invest in yourself

COURSE FEE

£2,500

+ VAT

- Payment plan available
- No employer sponsorship needed



What about classes?

There are **no classrooms to attend!** You learn through online teaching sessions, self-study and practice in your setting.

Your Parenta tutor stays in regular contact, remotely or face-to-face, to support you and check your progress.

How will I be assessed?

You are assessed through a portfolio of evidence and skills-based assessment, mostly in your early years setting. There is **no separate End Point Assessment**, and the qualification is graded Pass or Fail.

Your tutor will get to know how you learn best and shape your assessments to suit you.

At home, you will complete:

- Written pieces based on your own experience
- Case studies on babies and young children
- Tasks explaining your practice
- Reflections on past events

In your setting, you will complete:

- Observations by your tutor
- Witnessed activities with children
- Evidence from your everyday practice



English and maths: what you need to know

To count in ratio as a Level 3 Early Years Educator, you must hold a suitable Level 2 English qualification.

If you have not yet achieved GCSEs in English and maths, we strongly recommend working towards them alongside your course - we can support you with this at an additional cost. They will also support your career progression, as many employers expect these core skills.

Thinking about management one day?
Managers appointed on or after 4 January 2024 must hold a Level 2 maths qualification, or achieve one within two years of starting the role.

Paediatric First Aid

Paediatric First Aid is **not included** in this course, so you will need to arrange it separately. To count in ratio as a newly qualified Level 3 educator, you need a full or emergency Paediatric First Aid certificate within three months of starting work.

STEP 1
Qualify as a Level 3 educator

WITHIN 3 MONTHS
Get your full or emergency Paediatric First Aid certificate

THEN
Count in ratio!

We recommend arranging it early, so you are ready to count in ratio as soon as you qualify.

Why choose Parenta?

With 25+ years' experience in early years training, studying with Parenta means you get so much more! You get…

- Your own **tutor** to support you every step of the way
- Maths and English support if required (at an additional cost)
- **FREE** resources to support you in your role
- **FREE** monthly webinars with industry experts

What will I study?

Your diploma is made up of **eight mandatory units**, taught across three themes and covering everything in the DfE Early Years Educator criteria. You will learn to work with children from birth to 5, and build your knowledge of children aged 5 to 7.

THEME 1
Health, Safety and Well-being

- Safeguarding the Well-being of Children and Practitioners
- Promoting Health, Safety and Development

THEME 2
Child Development

- Foundations of Early Childhood Development and Education
- Promoting Play and Learning Environments
- Observation, Assessment and Planning

THEME 3
Positive Environments

- Supporting Babies and Young Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Partnerships with Families and Professionals
- Professional Development





How do I achieve professional recognition?

You are awarded a **Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator** once you pass all eight mandatory units. Your assessments are quality assured by the awarding organisation, VTCT Skills.

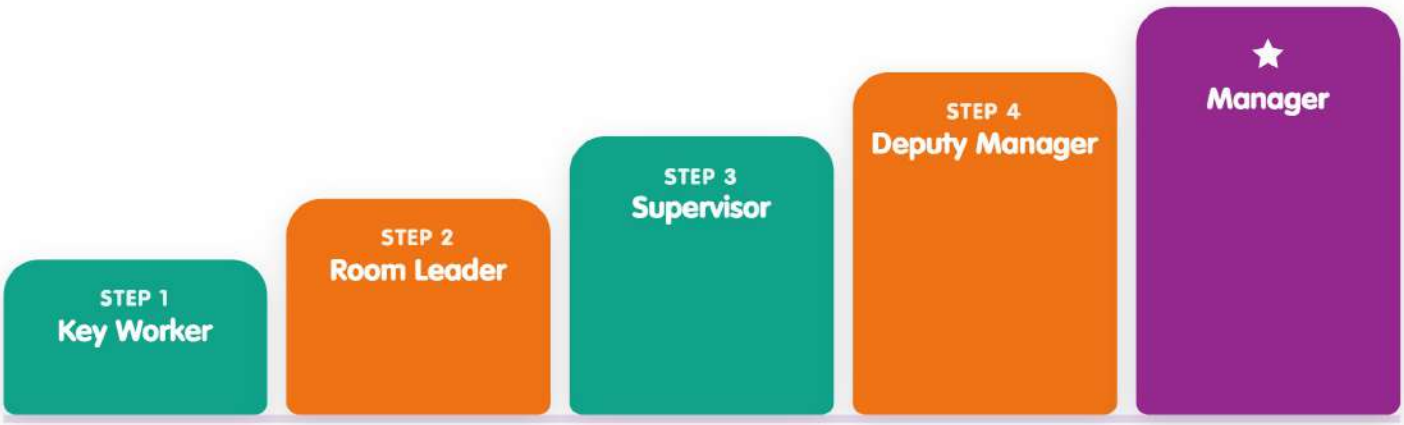
A **DfE approved**, full and relevant qualification

Count as a qualified Level 3 in the **EYFS staff-to-child ratio**

The future

Achieving your Level 3 EYE opens up a whole world of opportunities in the early years sector!

You will have the skills and confidence to thrive in your current role, and be ready to step up. Roles like Key Worker, Room Leader, Supervisor, Deputy Manager or even Manager will be within your reach.



But that's not all. Your journey doesn't need to end there!

You could reach even further and increase your earnings more.



Next steps

How about progressing to a Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner, or even a Foundation Degree? The sky's the limit when you've got the passion, the dedication and now the credentials to match.

LEVEL 5
Early Years Lead Practitioner

OR EVEN A
Foundation Degree

Want to boost your skills, broaden your knowledge and make a bigger difference to children's lives? This course opens the door to a brighter career in early years education.

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Parenta - The Home of Early Years

Growing a setting and a great childcare team shouldn't be hard - Parenta makes it simple. We're the UK's leading specialist apprenticeship training provider for the early years sector - helping nurseries recruit, train, and retain brilliant practitioners,

And it doesn't stop there. From nursery management software, business support that actually makes a difference, and expert free sector resources, Parenta is the partner your setting didn't know it needed.

EARLY YEARS TRAINING

Boost your team's motivation and keep staff for longer by offering them childcare training – the ideal tool for you to develop and retain your staff.

TRAINING COURSES:

Government Funded:

- Level 2 Early Years Practitioner
- Level 3 Early Years Educator - **now with the option to complete in as little as 8 months!** *
- Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner

* Course duration between 8 and 15 months, depending on the number of off-the-job hours completed weekly

Qualification only courses:

- L3 SEND Coordinator
- L5 Diploma for Senior Early Years Practitioners

FREE RECRUITMENT

Our team of dedicated recruitment experts will help you find a suitable apprentice - **for free**. Once found, we will sign them up and get them started on their childcare course - providing one-to-one support throughout their training.

Book a call with us today and discover how we can grow your setting

NURSERY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE – ABACUS ADVANTAGE

- **Abacus Advantage** helps nursery managers and owners understand their money simply and clearly
- It combines **easy-to-use software**, covering all aspects of your nursery business
- Practical guidance and hands-on support to show you exactly where your income comes from, where the pressure builds, and what to do about it

Book a free clarity call today

MARKETING SOLUTIONS

Parenta designs and builds childcare websites that attract parents, impress Ofsted, and turn visitors into enquiries.

- **Websites that work** - built by a team that knows childcare inside out.
- **Branding that means business** - from logos and prospectuses to newsletters and business cards, we create a look that makes your setting stand out and stick in people's minds.
- **Social media made simple** - we'll get you set up, show you what works, and help you build a visible, trusted presence that keeps your setting front of mind for local families.

Contact our marketing solutions team

FREE RESOURCES FOR ALL THOSE WHO WORK IN CHILDCARE

How To Guides
Covering the common challenges you face whilst working in childcare, both for childcare practitioners and business owners.

Free Webinars
Early years experts share their insights, best practices, and valuable experiences

Parenta Blog
Over 1000 articles covering all things early years, written by sector experts

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