

# SCHOOL EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER LEVEL 2



**Blended learning**



**Course duration**

12 months (15 months  
with Apprenticeship  
Assessment)



**EPA Organisation**

VTCT



**Training  
time**

Approx. 28  
sessions



**Funded learning**

Funded via the  
Apprenticeship  
Levy



**Apprenticeship**

level 2

## OVERVIEW

Early Years Practitioners work in private and public settings with children from birth to age five. They plan and deliver daily activities, play opportunities, and educational programmes while ensuring children's welfare, care, and development.

Working as part of a professional team under the guidance of an Early Years educator, teacher, or senior colleague, they support both child-led and adult-led learning based on individual needs and interests. Practitioners also work closely with parents, carers, and other professionals, and take responsibility for safeguarding, health, safety, and responding to emergencies within the setting.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- As an apprentice, you will have approximately 28 educator sessions throughout the duration of your apprenticeship.
- You will see your educator every 2 weeks for your online sessions. These appointments provide the opportunity to discuss progress, assign tasks and prepare you for your apprenticeship assessment.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individual employers may set their own entry requirements. The candidate must already be employed for over 16 hours per week.

- If a candidate is 16-18 they must have achieved maths and English at Level 2 prior to completion of the course, this is something that can be completed with us if needed.
- If a candidate is 19+ and hasn't achieved in Maths and English GCSE before enrolling, it is up to the employer to decide whether these qualifications should be attempted.
- The candidate must be employed in a suitable role.

## TYPICAL JOB ROLES

- Assistant Childminder
- Nursery Assistant
- Early Years Practitioner
- Nursery Nurse
- Nursery Practitioner
- Nanny and Early Years Worker

# COURSE CONTENT

## Safeguarding & Safety

Follow safeguarding policies and procedures, recognise risks, hazards, illness, and signs of harm, while ensuring children's health, safety, and wellbeing.

## Child Development & Learning

Understand how children learn and develop holistically, the significance of attachment, and support them through transitions using observation, assessment, and planning.

## Collaboration & Communication

Work effectively with colleagues, parents, carers, and external professionals, sharing information and communicating in ways children understand.

## Professional Practice & Values

Demonstrate care, compassion, honesty, trust, integrity, and commitment while maintaining a positive, team-focused, and non-discriminatory approach.

## Learning Environments

Plan and contribute to enabling environments, activities, and educational programmes that support development and encourage safety awareness.

## EMPLOYER & LEARNER SATISFACTION

97%

of Apprentices would recommend us\*

99%

of Employers would recommend us\*

# APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT

The apprenticeship assessment includes:

- A remote 90 minute professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence.
- A 60 minute knowledge test that can be completed either on paper or electronically.

## YOUR COMPLETE CAREER PATHWAY

Early Years  
Practitioner  
Level 2



Early Years  
Educator  
Level 3



Early Years  
Lead  
Practitioner  
Level 5

**“THIS APPRENTICESHIP HAS HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND IN MORE DETAIL ABOUT KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION.”**

