



Changes to the EYFS for childminders from January 2024

From January 2024, there will be a new version of the EYFS framework specifically for childminders. Below are some of the changes you need to be aware of for your settings.

Childminders must:

- be aware that further information has been provided in the framework on safeguarding responsibilities when childminders are working in a group, including a change on child protection language (Section 3, Safeguarding policies and procedures)
- ensure the safeguarding policies and procedures at a setting include all electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities, not just mobile phones and cameras (Section 3, Safeguarding policies and procedures)

As technology changes, you should consider a wider range of devices in your policies, for example smart watches.

Childminders may wish to consider applying the following flexibilities, if appropriate:

- where judged appropriate by a childminder, childminding assistants can now fulfil the role of a key person for children (Section 3, Key person)
- childminders with open plan kitchen-living areas can now utilise safely useable areas within this room for their provision (Section 3, Indoor space requirements)
- childminders may provide opportunities for children to develop and use their home language in play and learning, previously this requirement stated this 'must' be done (Section 1, English as an Additional Language)
- you will no longer be required to complete training on the EYFS prior to registration, however childminders will still need to demonstrate that they have the required knowledge of the EYFS at their pre-registration visit (Section 3, Safeguarding training)

A full summary of all the changes can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>