



Level 2 – Early Years Practitioner

Supports children’s care and learning

Early years qualification levels and what they mean

Everyone working with young children must have the right training to ensure they can support early child development, ensure children’s safety and wellbeing, and support them to thrive.

There are three main levels of recognised qualification: Practitioner (level 2), Educator (level 3), and Graduate / Early Years Teacher (level 6).

Level 2 - What they learn

The minimum content required for the level 2 qualification includes learning about:

- how children grow and develop (birth to 7 years)
- safeguarding and keeping children safe
- health, safety, and wellbeing in early years
- supporting play, activities, and early learning
- communication and language development
- working with parents and other professionals
- supporting children with additional needs

Level 2- What it looks like in practice

This means they will:

- help children learn through play
- support routines (mealtimes, naps, activities)
- work under supervision of level 3 staff

