



Level 3 – Early Years Educator

Leads children’s learning and development

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 3 - What they learn

The minimum content required for the level 3 qualification includes learning about:

- child development in depth (birth to 7 years)
- how to plan, observe, and assess children’s learning
- supporting speech, language, literacy, and maths
- promoting emotional, social, and physical development
- safeguarding, health, nutrition, and wellbeing
- inclusive practice and supporting SEND
- working in partnership with parents and professionals
- using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework

Level 3 - What it looks like in practice

This means they will:

- plan and lead learning activities
- track children’s development and progression
- act as a child’s key person
- work independently in the room

