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**The impact of the Early Years Foundation Stage  
[EYFS] on Registered Childminders**

**Questionnaire**

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## EYFS Questionnaire

### The impact of the Early Years Foundation Stage [EYFS] on Childminders?

Please complete this questionnaire if you are a current practicing childminder.

The closing date for replies is 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012

This should take about 10 minutes to complete. All information collected will be confidential.  
Please complete all appropriate questions:

*EXAMPLE (how to complete this questionnaire)*

Choose one only	
Choose this answer	Or this answer
	X

#### 1. What is your gender?

Choose one only

Female	Male

#### 2. What is your age?

Choose one only

over 50	40-49	30-39	20-29	under 20

#### 3. Optional - what is your ethnicity?

Choose one only

White British	White European	White other	Black African	Black Caribbean	Indian	Pakistani

Bangladeshi	Chinese	Mixed	Other Please State

#### 4. How long have you been childminding?

Choose one only

over 12 years	8- 12 years	4 – 8 years (before the EYFS was statutory)	1 – 4 years (since the introduction of the EYFS)	Less than a year

**5. What was your last Ofsted inspection grading?**

Choose one only

Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Inadequate	Not Yet Inspected

**6. How did any of the following areas impact your grading?**

Choose as many Positive OR Negative as appropriate

	EYFS	External Support (eg NCMA Network Coordinator)	Paperwork	Training
Positively				

OR

Negatively				
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**7. Are you a member of any of the following?**

Choose any as appropriate

National Childminding Association (NCMA)	Local childminding group	NCMA Network	Other please state

**8. How do you view your job as a childminder?**

Choose one only

Part of your long term career	Temporary, as it suits your family lifestyle at present	Other please state

**9. What is your highest current OVERALL educational qualification level?**

(eg You might have a degree in engineering or science that is nothing to do with childcare.)

Choose one only

Level 7 Masters and Above	Level 6 Degree / Honours	Level 5 Foundation Degree	Level 4 / Diploma	Level 3 / A Level	GCSE

**10. What is your highest CHILDCARE SPECIFIC educational qualification level?**

Choose one only (this may be the same as question 9)

Level 7 Masters and Above	Level 6 Degree / Honours	Level 5 Foundation Degree	Level 4 / Diploma	Level 3 / A Level	GCSE

**11. Are you qualified as an EYP holding Early Years Professional Status [EYPS]?**

Choose one only

Yes	No

**12. Are you currently working towards any of the following CHILDCARE SPECIFIC educational qualifications?**

Choose any as appropriate

Level 7 Masters and Above	Level 6 Degree / Honours	Level 5 Foundation Degree	Level 4 / Diploma	Level 3 / A Level	GCSE	None

**13. Have you received any bursary funding for any Childcare Specific qualifications and training since 2008?**

Choose one only

Yes	No

**14. If you were to stop working as a childminder, what would be your main reason?**

Choose one only

Move to a different job within childcare	Move to a different job outside of childcare	Reaching retirement age	Change in personal circumstances	Difficulties of the Early Years Foundation Stage EYFS

Other please state

**15. Do you have access to the internet?**

Choose one only

Yes	No

**16. Have you heard of the Early Years Foundation Stage EYFS?**

Choose one only

Yes	No

If you answered YES to question 16 then please answer the remaining questions...

**17. How much knowledge and understanding do you have of EYFS?**

Choose one only

<b>I have a wide-ranging understanding and sound knowledge</b>	<b>I know it enough to get by</b>	<b>I know a little about it</b>

**18. What are your impressions of EYFS?**

Choose any as appropriate

<b>EYFS provides a common framework for all settings</b>	<b>EYFS promotes a professional image for childminders</b>	<b>EYFS is focussed upon play</b>	<b>EYFS improves quality care for all children</b>

<b>EYFS is central to my everyday practice</b>	<b>EYFS is good for working with parents</b>	<b>EYFS is good for working with other professionals</b>

<b>Other please state</b>

**19. When working within the EYFS framework what do you find most challenging?**

Choose any as appropriate

<b>Ofsted inspections</b>	<b>The amount of paperwork</b>	<b>Written risk assessments</b>	<b>Observation, Assessment and Planning</b>

<b>Other childminders being negative about EYFS</b>	<b>Your work life balance (e.g Time to achieve the requirements within your working day)</b>	<b>Sharing information with other settings</b>

<b>Other please state</b>

**20. What level of EYFS support do you feel you have received from the following?**

1 = Too Much  
 2= Just right  
 3 = Barely adequate  
 4 = Too Little  
 5 = None

Answer all A to F parts of this questions please

	<b>Organisation / Practitioners</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>A</b>	OFSTED					
<b>B</b>	Local Authority					
<b>C</b>	National Childminding Association					
<b>D</b>	NCMA Network Local Coordinator					
<b>E</b>	Peer / colleague Childminders					
<b>F</b>	Others?					

**21. How much EYFS related training have you received in the last year?**

Choose one only

<b>7 days or more</b>	<b>3 to 6 days</b>	<b>1 to 2 days</b>	<b>None</b>

**22. Are you aware of the Dame Clare Tickell EYFS Review?**

Choose one only

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**23. If YES to Q.22 - did you respond to the Dame Clare Tickell EYFS Review?**

Choose one only

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**24. Are you aware of the development of a high quality interactive on-line version of the revised EYFS?**

Choose one only

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**25. Would you make use of an interactive on-line version of the revised EYFS?**

Choose one only

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

Thank you very much for your time and help, it has been very much appreciated. Please now email your completed questionnaire to me at (email address deleted for anonymity) before 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.