

Early years foundation stage reforms early adopter scheme:

Please see enclosed exemption direction for your school.

In addition to the requirements set out in the direction, we ask that you inform the parents/carers of children in the reception year of your school – and nursery classes where applicable – of the exemptions that apply for academic year 2020/21 and ensure that any future parents are made aware.

You will be expected to commit to participation in the EYFS reforms early adopter scheme for the full duration of the 2020/21 academic year, unless there is a significant reason for withdrawal. Any request to withdraw from the early adopter scheme should be discussed with the Department via EYFSreforms.earlyadopters@education.gov.uk, and should be received no later than Friday 18 December 2020.

Early years foundation stage (EYFS) reforms early adopters scheme: exemption direction for academic year 2020/21 for Aston Lodge Primary School, unique reference number 143055, Rotherham

Under The Early Years Foundation Stage (Exemption from Learning and Development Requirements) and Childcare (Exemption from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, the Secretary of State for Education grants exemption from the following sections of the 2017 Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework:

- i) The educational programmes under EYFS paragraph 1.5; and

ii) The early learning goals set out on pages 10 to 12 of the EYFS; and

iii) The requirements set out in paragraph 2.6 to 2.11 of the EYFS relating to Assessments and moderation at the end of the reception year – the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – which requires settings to complete the Profile and submit the same to the local authority.

As a requirement of participation in the EYFS reforms early adopter scheme, you must instead follow in full the EYFS reforms early adopter framework

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>).

Early adopter schools are able to disapply specific requirements of the revised EYFS in line with other non-early adopter schools in the event of legislative prohibitions, restrictions or requirements being applied as a result of coronavirus where it is not 'reasonably practicable' for those schools to comply with those requirements.

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

The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS reforms Early Adopter framework.

At the end of academic year 2020/21 you will be required to complete the EYFS Profile as set out in the EYFS reforms early adopter framework for all children in the reception cohort in your school. You will be required to submit this data to your local authority.

The direction granting the exemptions and modifications will be in place from 1 September 2020 and ending on 31 August 2021. It

applies to a child in the reception class and, where applicable, in the nursery class as defined in the regulations.

Notes: “Reception class” means a class in which education is provided which is suitable to the requirements of pupils aged five and any pupils under or over that age whom it is expedient to educate with pupils of that age.

“Nursery class” means a class (i) in which education is provided which is suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age; and (ii) which is situated in a school that also has a reception class that is participating in the EYFS reforms early adopter scheme.