

Policies and Procedures for the EYFS 2021 (Updated September 2022)

All policies and procedures have been reviewed, resulting in the following changes.

Throughout, in line with our [#WeAreEducators](#) campaign, to highlight the unique importance of the early years, the term practitioner is replaced with educator, and childcare is replaced with childcare and early education, or suitable alternative.

References to previous COVID guidance has been removed, as settings should now follow the general government guidance on [emergency planning and response](#).

Other changes to the content, including the following as shown in red font within the files dated August 2022.

- In *01.06 Short trips, outings and excursions*, 'The designated lead for the outing has responsibility for only one child', has been removed. Whilst this may be good practice, if, for instance, the designated lead needs to deal with an incident or accident and pass the care of their child/ren over to a colleague, it is not a statutory requirement, but a matter for individual settings to decide based on a risk assessment approach.
- New procedures *04.05a Managing a suspected case of coronavirus* and *04.05b Infection control* are now provided.
- *06.02 Allegations against staff, volunteers or agency staff*, has been renamed to *06.02 Low level concerns and allegations of serious harm or abuse against staff, volunteers or agency staff* and expanded to include content on how to raise and then respond to low level concerns about the conduct of staff, students or volunteers.
- *06.02a Low level concerns form* is also provided to support the procedure.

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