



Northumberland County Council

Date: September 2020

Dear Headteacher / Setting Manager,

SUBJECT: EYFS Profile 2021

This academic year 2020/2021, schools have had the opportunity to become 'Early Adopters' of the EYFS Reforms which includes a revised EYFS Profile. DfE have confirmed with Northumberland LA that a total of 19 schools in Northumberland have been accepted as Early Adopters. These schools will have been informed of this decision directly from DfE. There is no option now for other schools to apply since the application date has passed. Therefore, all other schools (and PVI settings where appropriate) must continue to use the current EYFS Framework including EYFS Profile and Early Learning Goals.

Early Adopters of the EYFS reforms are required to submit EYFSP data – based on the new set of ELGs – to the LA in Summer 2021. We are awaiting confirmation from DfE about how this data will be collected and the information you will need to provide and will confirm arrangements as soon as we can. There is no requirement from DfE under the reforms, for LAs to complete moderation activity with Early Adopters. However, Northumberland LA will be hosting agreement trialling/group moderation sessions to support the effective implementation of the revised EYFS Profile and to continue to ensure that assessments are robust and accurate. These sessions will require schools to have signed up to the early years element of the schools SLA and details of these sessions will be included in the Northumberland Early Years Training Programme for the Summer Term 2021.

Schools (and PVI settings where appropriate) not adopting the reforms in 2020/21 – those schools who are continuing to follow the current version of the EYFS – **will also** be required to submit EYFSP data to the LA as usual. In addition, statutory moderation will continue for these schools, including moderation visits for 25%. As moderation activity was not able to take place in Summer 2020 due to COVID-19, schools expecting a moderation visit in Summer 2020 can assume this visit will be carried over to Summer 2021, unless they are one of the 19 Early Adopter schools. Northumberland LA will also continue to host non-statutory agreement trialling/group moderation sessions for those not being visited. This process will remain free and is exclusive of the SLA. Details about these events will be sent out in due course.

We will share all relevant documentation including the Profile Handbook and Assessment and Reporting Arrangements once they are published.

In the meantime, should you have any queries regarding EYFS Profile and moderation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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