The Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. All schools and Ofsted-registered early years providers must follow the EYFS, including childminders, preschools, nurseries and school reception classes.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework supports an integrated approach to early learning and care. It gives all professionals a set of common principles and commitments to deliver quality early education and childcare experiences to all children.

As well as being the core document for all professionals working in the foundation years, the EYFS framework gives mums and dads confidence that regardless of where they choose for their child's early education, they can be assured that the same statutory commitments and principles will underpin their child's learning and development experience.

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/07/EYFS_framework_from_1_September_2014__with_clarification_note.pdf

Additional published material for parents

What to expect, when?

It is widely recognised the vital role that parents have in supporting their children's learning and development. Parents need to know what to expect in relation to their child's development through the different age bands of the EYFS.

What to expect, when? is a simple guide which takes parents through the expectations of each age band in the EYFS and how they can support their children's learning and development.

This latest addition to the EYFS suite of materials is available to download as a free pdf.

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/09/4Children_ParentsGuide_Sept_2015v4WEB1.pdf

Further material for parents

4Children has published a non-statutory document, developed with parents for parents providing an overview of the EYFS Framework 2012.

It illustrates how parents can support their child during their foundation years. Settings can add further information in the blank boxes provided to give parents more detail about the implementation of the EYFS in their setting. It is the intention that all settings should share this guidance with parents. You can access, tailor and share the the document with parents electronically but also as a downloadable printed copy. There is an accompanying user guide taking you through the process of editing the Parents' Guide.

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/01/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended1.pdf