

# The Early Years Foundation Stage Review

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# The EYFS review is an independent review

- The review was formally announced on 6 July 2010
- Chaired by Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive of Action for Children
- Sarah Teather MP has asked Dame Clare to look at:
  - how professionals can best support all children's early learning and development, particularly in preparation for the move to formal schooling;
  - How any framework can ensure that the right foundations are in place to protect children's welfare, and support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged;
  - How the flexibility of the framework can be improved to allow for professional judgement and foster a diverse and flexible childcare market; and
  - How to reduce the burden of the EYFS on those who have to deliver it.

# The Minister for Children and Families has set a clear scope

- The review will cover four main areas:
  - **Scope of regulation** – whether there should be one single framework for all Early Years providers.
  - **Learning and development** – looking at the latest evidence about children's development and what is needed to give them the best start at school.
  - **Assessment** – whether young children's development should be formally assessed at a certain age, and what this should cover.
  - **Welfare** – the minimum standards to keep children safe and support their healthy development.

# **The Minister has been clear that she wants the review to be based on the best evidence**

- She has specifically asked Dame Clare to take an open and outward facing approach to the review and to take into account the best independent evidence about how children learn and develop.
- As part of this, she has asked Dame Clare to work with early years practitioners, other experts in the early years, parents, and carers.
- The call for written evidence for the review was launched on 2 August, and closed on 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- We have also commissioned some research to feed into the review – eg the report on practitioners' experience of the EYFS published end August.
- Dame Clare has been having a series of one to one conversations with a range of stakeholders
- We have conducted a series of workshops and visits
- We have also invited a number of people to form an expert panel to provide advice and support for the review. This includes academics, practitioners, local authority representatives, primary head, and other early years experts.

# The timeline is very tight

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Milestone</b></i>
w/c 2nd August	Launch of call for evidence
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Call for written evidence closed
October	Analysis of evidence collected through workshops and call for evidence
November	Full evidence collation & analysis
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Stakeholder event to share evidence and emerging direction of travel
Dec & January	Refine policy recommendations
31 March	Target date for publication of final report

# **We'd like to get your views to feed into the review....**

- 1- What are your views on EYFS being based on a single framework that all learning and care providers have to deliver ? Should all the Learning and Development requirements of EYFS apply to secondary providers?**
- 2 - How could the assessment process be improved and are there other ways we can reduce burdens within the welfare requirements?**
- 3 - From the perspective of your own experience, what is the main point you would like to feed into the Review?**

**Please contact us with any further views  
you'd like to feed in**

**There's also an EYFS review mailbox where you can reach us**

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**THANK YOU for your time and contribution**