



Wales
HIGH SCHOOL
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Bridging Project: NCFE CACHE L3 Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education

- Early Years Educator Summer 2023

The members of staff in the Childcare Department at Wales High School are looking forward to welcoming you back as year 12 students in September.

In order to prepare you for the start of the course you need to complete the following bridging work over the summer holidays and submit it at the start of term to Mrs Brighthouse.

Remember - You are laying the foundations for your future so:



Throughout your course you will need to refer to a document called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework. It will be very useful for you and your studies to familiarise yourself with this document before you begin this course. You can find this document on the School's VLE in the Health and Social Care area under Childcare - sixth form - NCFE CACHE L3 Technical Award, Certificate, Diploma Early Years Educator or just type the title into Google to find it online.

This is what you need to do:

Open up the EYFS Statutory Framework document, read the page numbers listed and find out the following:

Page 4: Who is the EYFS Statutory Framework for?

Page 5: What are the 4 key outcomes that the EYFS Statutory Framework seeks to provide?

Page 7/8: What are the 7 prime areas of learning and development that the EYFS Statutory Framework states must shape educational programmes?

Page 9: What does the EYFS Statutory Framework state are the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning?

Page 13: Why is it important for children to be assessed and at what age is a child's progress reviewed?

Page 14: At what age is a child assessed for their EYFS profile and who is given this information?

Page 16: What does the EYFS Statutory Framework say about the conditions needed for children to learn best?

Page 17: What are the signs that a child may be the victim of abuse or neglect?

Page 22: What are the current staffing ratios for children under two at an early year's provider?

The government has recently proposed changes to the staffing ratios in early years - do your own research to find out what these proposed changes are.

Placement

As you are already aware, the Early Years Educator Diploma requires you to spend a significant amount of time in 3 different placements. It is therefore very important that you have a placement organised for when you return in September. When you attended the taster days, before the end of the summer term, you will have had an opportunity to locate suitable settings where you could carry out your first placement. Over the summer break you need to contact your chosen placements and enquire if they are able to take you from September. If your initial choices cannot offer you a place then you need to keep making enquiries and remember, this is the same as when you start work, you may need to travel to get to placement.

This is the information you will need to give them:

Your personal details: Name. Address. Age. School.

Course title: CACHE Level 3 Diploma Early Years Educator

You will be in placement for 2 days per week and spend several full weeks across both Y12 and Y13 on block placement.

Here is a list of provisions that we have used in the past, which are local, but you can find your own if you prefer.

Harthill Pre-School

Harthill Primary School

Thurcroft Infants School

Tiny Explorers pre-school (Thurcroft)

Kiveton Park pre-school

Kiveton and Wales Nursery

Remember: You need to work with children who are 5 and under

As part of the requirements before you go into placement, you will need a DBS check. This is done by the police to check that you do not have any convictions that prevent you from working with children. You will need to provide documentation that proves your identity and where you live. These can include:

- A passport
- A bank account
- Your original birth certificate (not a copy)
- Provisional drivers licence
- Name on the electoral roll

Please make sure that you have 3 of these in place for September so that we can begin the process of having your DBS certificate passed. There is a fee associated with this process which the school will cover.

If you have any questions over the summer break please email me on db@waleshigh.com and I will reply when I am available