

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

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This apprenticeship is perfect for individuals beginning their career in early years education and childcare. Learners will gain the essential skills to support the learning, development, and care of children from birth to five years old.

Through practical, hands-on experience, they will learn to create safe, engaging environments, encourage positive behaviour, and promote children's wellbeing and progress through play and exploration.

Employers benefit from confident, capable staff who contribute to high-quality early years provision and ensure every child has the best start in life.



About the Apprenticeship

This programme provides hands-on experience and industry-recognised training in early childhood education.

- **Duration:** Typically 12 months + assessment period
- **Delivery:** Work-based learning, practical experience, and tutor-led support

What You Will Learn

- **Child Development** – Understand how children grow, learn, and develop from birth to five.
- **Supporting Play and Learning** – Plan and deliver engaging, age-appropriate activities.
- **Health, Safety, and Safeguarding** – Maintain safe environments and follow safeguarding policies.
- **Positive Behaviour Support** – Encourage kindness, respect, and emotional wellbeing.
- **Communication and Teamwork** – Work effectively with colleagues, parents, and carers.

Who is it for?

- Individuals starting their career in early years education or childcare
- Staff working in nurseries, preschools, or reception settings
- Those seeking to develop the skills and confidence to support children's learning and care

Career Progression

- Move into roles such as Nursery Assistant, Preschool Assistant, or Early Years Support Worker
- Progress to the Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship
- Gain recognised skills to support a career in education, childcare, or family services

