

Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner

Drive Quality in Early Years Settings | Support Child Development | Lead with Confidence

This Apprenticeship is designed for experienced early years professionals who lead and support high-quality education and care for children from birth to five years old.

This programme equips learners with the skills and knowledge to mentor staff, shape best practices, and implement curriculum strategies that ensure children's learning and development.



About the Apprenticeship

This programme provides advanced leadership skills, professional development, and practical experience in early years education, safeguarding, and staff development.

- **Duration:** 24 months
- **Delivery:** Work-based learning, online modules & leadership-focused activities
- **End-Point Assessment:** Observation with questioning, professional discussion & case study analysis

What You Will Learn

- **Advanced Child Development & Early Learning** – Apply theories of play, learning, and development to enhance practice
- **Leading Curriculum & Quality Standards** – Ensure best practices in early years education and the EYFS framework
- **Safeguarding & Welfare** – Lead on safeguarding policies, procedures, and compliance
- **Mentoring & Coaching** – Develop and support staff to improve teaching quality and child outcomes
- **Leadership & Management in Early Years** – Drive improvement plans, manage teams, and work with external agencies

Who is it for?

- Experienced Early Years Educators looking to advance into leadership roles
- Nursery Room Leaders, Senior Practitioners, or Childcare Managers wanting to enhance their skills
- Individuals passionate about early childhood development and driving high-quality education

Career Progression

- Progress into Level 6 qualifications, including Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) or further leadership roles
- Advance into positions such as Nursery Manager, SEN Coordinator, or Early Years Consultant

