**Qualified Early Years Practitioner (Level 2)**

You will have a level 2 early years qualification (approved by the DfE – see [Early Years Qualifications List](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-qualifications-finder#overview)) or apprenticeship. A level 2 qualification provides the grounding for understanding how to work effectively with children.

As a qualified practitioner at level 2, in this job you are likely to:

* Understand how to work effectively with children
* Work with room leaders and others to care for and teach small children.
* Be involved in planning for children’s development and providing play activities that enable children to explore and develop.
* Deal with different kinds of behaviours, needs and wants as each child is unique.
* Have responsibility for some key children, observe how children are developing on a day to day basis, engage with parents at drop off and pick up and lead on some activities.



**Opportunities for Progression:**

You could take a level 3 Early Years Educator qualification (approved by the DfE – see [Early Years Qualification List](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-qualifications-finder#overview)) by doing a college based course with a work placement or a work based course with on the job training and assessment. Your local college or training provider will be able to provide more information about training, qualifications and funding. You should check that the qualification you are intending to do is approved by the Department for Education please visit: [Early Years Qualification List](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-qualifications-finder#content)

Or

Apply to be an apprentice. Apprenticeships are paid jobs with training, allowing you to earn while you learn without having to pay for your training or qualifications. There are apprenticeships available at Intermediate (level 2) and Advanced level (level 3). For further information and to find an apprenticeship visit: <https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/>

For careers information, visit [nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/) or call 0800 100 900

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