

## **New factsheets from Ofsted - Jan 2012**

Ofsted have produced some new factsheets for childminders -

### **1. Requirements for written documents** - Ofsted factsheet 120339 (Jan 2013) -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-requirements-for-written-documents-childminders-delivering-early-years-foundatio>

The factsheet contains information about the following...

#### **Safeguarding and welfare requirements**

- A list of the documents you must have in writing to comply with the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the EYFS 2012
- Risk assessments - which do not have to be in writing if you can explain them to an inspector, assistants and parents - see risk assessment factsheet 120334 (Nov 2012) for more information.
- Policies and procedures - which must be in writing for the Childcare Register - see footnote 5 on page 4 of factsheet 120412 (Jan 2013) for more information
- Self evaluation - while it is not a requirement to complete the Ofsted SEF, it is interesting to note that this factsheet states that inspectors will check compliance at your inspection 'using your self-evaluation form'. You can find a copy of the revised Ofsted SEF when you log into the Government Gateway website (recommended method of completing the SEF by Ofsted) or to download and write by hand on the Ofsted website -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/early-years-online-self-evaluation-form-sef-and-guidance-for-providers-delivering-early-years-founda>

#### **Learning and development requirements**

- Educational programmes - the types of play opportunities you offer to each child dependent on their age and stage of development. Note that a good system of observation, assessment and individual planning will allow you to show evidence of complying with this requirement
- How you show children are making good progress towards the Early Learning Goals - summary assessments in addition to the 2 year progress check will help you show this evidence
- Children's abilities / developmental milestones - how you show evidence of what the children can and cannot yet do and note whether a child is 'in line with, above or below the developmental milestones for their age' related to the Development Matters guidance
- How you support children who might need extra help
- 2 year progress check clarification

## Self evaluation

Self evaluation should help you to consider how you will improve the experiences you offer to the children. You do not have to use the Ofsted SEF but you should use some system of self evaluation and Ofsted will look for evidence of this during your inspection - and recommend you complete it annually. See Ofsted document 'Are you ready for your inspection?' (120085 - Aug 2012) for more information -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/are-you-ready-for-your-inspection-guide-inspections-of-provision-ofsted-childcare-and-early-years-r>

**Documents for the Childcare Register** - a list of documents you must have in writing to help you comply with the requirements of the Childcare Register.

**2. Records, policies and notification requirements for the Early Years Register (EYFS)** - Ofsted factsheet 120412 (Jan 2013) -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-records-policies-and-notification-requirements-of-early-years-register>

The factsheet contains information about...

- Written records that must be kept for the EYFS
- A list of required policies and procedures - please note footnote 5 on page 4
- A list of things that must be reported to Ofsted

There is also a new factsheet about **medication requirements** -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-giving-medication-children-registered-childcare>

And another about **risk assessments** -

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/factsheet-childcare-requirements-for-risk-assessments>