

Ask for: Early Years & Childcare Team
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Ref: EYFSPM1819
Date: 4th December 2018

FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

The Headteacher

Dear Headteacher,

Re: London Borough of Waltham Forest EYFS profile moderation Local Agreement with Schools

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile 2018 Handbook (published December 2017), has made some changes to the local authority moderation processes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-2018-handbook>

The 2018 EYFS Profile Handbook, states that

“ External moderation arrangements that are communicated to settings by LAs and that lie outside the scope of this document are by local agreement only and must be clearly stated as non-statutory.

Local agreements should be drawn up in consultation with, and with the agreement of, all stakeholders and revised annually. A local agreement should be signed by both LA and setting. All settings should have a written copy.” EYFSP Handbook 2018 p.37

In order to maintain continuity of our current moderation processes, we are seeking local agreement with the schools being moderated on two points as stated:

“In the majority of cases, STA would expect only one LA external moderator per visit. However, if the setting has a large cohort, or the LA external moderator is being quality assured, or if the visit forms part of moderator induction, there may be additional LA external moderators conducting the visit. The setting must be made aware of this in advance of the visit.” EYFSP Handbook 2018 p.37

“LAs must choose how many LA external moderators are appropriate for each visit, depending on the size of cohort, quality assurance, training processes and resources available.” EYFSP Handbook 2018 p.37

In Waltham Forest we will aim to continue to use a lead moderator and one shadow, and on occasions where the school is across two sites, there will be an additional two moderators.

Occasionally, this may also include the moderation manager as part of the Quality Assurance process. Both schools and moderators, report that this model provides a greater focus for the professional dialogue whilst exploring the evidence provided by practitioners.

The LA will never request children's data in advance of the visit, however, schools can request to send their data in advance by one day. This may arise when schools use a system which entails downloading a large amount of observational evidence.

In order to ensure that we are meeting with STA expectations, please complete the form below and return a signed copy to:

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In signing this document, we agree that (although non-statutory), in the London Borough of Waltham Forest to:

- have 2 EYFSP moderators for each school visit
- have an additional moderators where the school is across 2 sites
- a school can request to submit EYFSP interim data a maximum of one day prior to the moderation visit.

Name:

School:.....

Signature:.....