

CACHE – EARLY YEARS EDUCATORS

METHODOLOGY NOTE

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Early Years Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 6th-7th April 2016

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

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Summary**Base: All respondents**

	Statements				
	Qualifications in English and maths that also equip learners with practical skills in these areas should be accepted as an alternative to GCSEs for Early Years Educators	It is right that there are minimum qualification standards in place for Early Years Educators	Young people wanting to complete an apprenticeship with an early years provider should be allowed to do so without GCSEs at C or higher in both English and maths...	The Government should treat childcare and healthcare the same when it comes to the qualifications rules that allow people to work in the sector	Requiring all Early Years Educators to have at least a C in both English and Maths GCSE could exclude potential applicants who are well suited to the role
Unweighted base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
Weighted base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
NET: Agree	1406 69%	1614 79%	1340 65%	1410 69%	1212 59%
Strongly agree (4)	430 21%	877 43%	434 21%	537 26%	404 20%
Tend to agree (3)	976 48%	737 36%	906 44%	873 43%	808 39%
Tend to disagree (2)	216 11%	146 7%	327 16%	220 11%	404 20%
Strongly disagree (1)	74 4%	41 2%	119 6%	51 2%	121 6%
NET: Disagree	290 14%	187 9%	445 22%	271 13%	524 26%
Don't know	355 17%	250 12%	265 13%	370 18%	314 15%
Mean	3.04	3.36	2.93	3.13	2.86
Standard deviation	0.74	0.73	0.83	0.74	0.85
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

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Strongly agree	(4) 21%	430 22%	222 20%	208 20%	48 20%	83 23%	84 25%	78 21%	52 18%	85 19%	116 21%	107 19%	96 21%	111 22%	68 27%	185 20%
Tend to agree	(3) 48%	976 48%	485 49%	491 47%	111 47%	167 47%	145 43%	172 47%	144 49%	236 51%	276 50%	265 48%	206 46%	228 46%	128 50%	425 47%
Tend to disagree	(2) 11%	216 11%	107 11%	110 10%	30 13%	26 7%	30 9%	40 11%	31 10%	59 13%	71 13%	63 11%	40 9%	42 8%	21 8%	92 10%
Strongly disagree	(1) 4%	74 4%	29 3%	45 4%	12 5%	5 2%	20 6%	11 3%	14 5%	11 2%	21 4%	21 4%	16 4%	16 3%	7 3%	36 4%
NET: Disagree	290 14%	136 14%	154 15%	42 18%	32 9%	50 15%	51 14%	45 15%	71 15%	92 17%	84 15%	56 13%	58 12%	28 11%	128 14%	
Don't know	355 17%	156 16%	199 19%	38 16%	74 21%	57 17%	64 18%	54 18%	67 15%	67 12%	96 17%	88 20%	103 21%	31 12%	169 19%	
Mean	3.04	3.07	3.01	2.97	3.16	3.05	3.06	2.97	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.07	3.09	3.15	3.03	
Standard deviation	0.74	0.72	0.76	0.79	0.66	0.84	0.73	0.76	0.70	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.74	0.70	0.76	
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03	

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Strongly agree	(4) 21%	430 21%	28 16%	16 15%	385 22%	16 19%	48 20%	36 20%	32 17%	34 23%	57 28%	71 26%	54 19%	38 21%	274 18%	154 28%	128 28%	131 29%	52 27%	64 28%	53 26%	44 32%
Tend to agree	(3) 48%	976 48%	79 44%	52 50%	845 48%	48 56%	105 45%	82 47%	98 53%	73 48%	81 41%	127 47%	142 49%	90 50%	737 49%	235 43%	209 45%	193 43%	90 47%	107 46%	96 48%	52 38%
Tend to disagree	(2) 11%	216 11%	23 13%	15 15%	179 10%	9 10%	31 13%	17 10%	17 9%	19 12%	23 12%	15 6%	30 11%	17 9%	172 11%	45 8%	35 8%	37 8%	14 7%	13 6%	17 8%	12 9%
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Don't know	355 17%	40 22%	20 19%	295 17%	10 11%	47 20%	31 18%	31 17%	23 15%	32 16%	49 18%	44 15%	28 16%	267 18%	85 16%	72 16%	70 16%	27 14%	42 18%	27 13%	22 16%	
Mean	3.04	2.91	2.98	3.05	3.00	3.04	3.02	3.01	3.08	3.12	3.18	2.97	3.04	3.00	3.13	3.15	3.15	3.13	3.22	3.10	3.16	
Standard deviation	0.74	0.78	0.67	0.74	0.72	0.72	0.77	0.69	0.71	0.79	0.72	0.78	0.75	0.72	0.79	0.76	0.78	0.77	0.69	0.77	0.85	
Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	

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NET: Agree	1614 79%	787 79%	827 79%	190 80%	273 77%	259 77%	281 77%	235 79%	376 82%	471 85%	440 80%	342 76%	361 72%	201 79%	706 78%
Strongly agree	(4) 877 43%	432 43%	444 42%	108 45%	145 41%	129 38%	134 37%	137 46%	224 49%	273 49%	234 42%	184 41%	186 37%	116 45%	356 39%
Tend to agree	(3) 737 36%	355 36%	382 36%	83 35%	127 36%	131 39%	147 40%	98 33%	152 33%	198 36%	207 37%	157 35%	175 35%	86 34%	350 39%
Tend to disagree	(2) 146 7%	87 9%	59 6%	15 6%	23 6%	19 6%	33 9%	21 7%	35 8%	31 6%	34 6%	32 7%	49 10%	17 6%	61 7%
Strongly disagree	(1) 41 2%	16 2%	25 2%	5 2%	9 3%	8 3%	7 2%	5 2%	6 1%	12 2%	5 1%	12 3%	12 2%	7 3%	21 2%
NET: Disagree	187 9%	103 10%	84 8%	20 8%	32 9%	28 8%	40 11%	26 9%	42 9%	43 8%	39 7%	44 10%	61 12%	24 9%	82 9%
Don't know	250 12%	109 11%	141 13%	28 12%	50 14%	50 15%	45 12%	35 12%	42 9%	38 7%	72 13%	62 14%	78 16%	29 11%	119 13%
Mean	3.36	3.35	3.37	3.40	3.34	3.32	3.27	3.40	3.42	3.42	3.40	3.33	3.27	3.37	3.32
Standard deviation	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.75	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.71	0.71	0.67	0.76	0.77	0.76	0.73
Standard error	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.03

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Strongly agree	(4) 43%	877 36%	64 39%	41 44%	772 42%	36 45%	105 45%	66 38%	82 45%	72 47%	87 44%	117 43%	124 43%	82 46%	652 43%	222 41%	183 40%	187 42%	77 40%	93 40%	77 38%	58 42%
Tend to agree	(3) 36%	737 36%	64 36%	35 34%	638 36%	35 40%	76 32%	71 41%	71 38%	47 31%	81 41%	103 38%	99 34%	55 30%	547 37%	187 34%	165 36%	151 34%	73 38%	87 37%	68 34%	41 30%
Tend to disagree	(2) 7%	146 10%	18 12%	13 6%	115 6%	5 6%	19 8%	11 6%	13 7%	10 6%	13 7%	11 4%	20 7%	13 7%	100 7%	45 8%	37 8%	37 8%	14 8%	16 7%	19 9%	17 12%
Strongly disagree	(1) 2%	41 5%	9 1%	1 2%	31 1%	1 1%	3 1%	6 3%	3 2%	- -	3 1%	5 2%	9 3%	1 2%	27 2%	14 3%	12 3%	10 2%	6 3%	3 1%	7 3%	3 2%
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Don't know	250 12%	23 13%	14 14%	213 12%	9 11%	33 14%	19 11%	15 8%	23 15%	15 8%	34 13%	35 12%	29 16%	173 12%	75 14%	65 14%	63 14%	21 11%	33 14%	31 15%	19 14%	
Mean	3.36	3.18	3.29	3.38	3.38	3.40	3.28	3.37	3.48	3.38	3.40	3.34	3.44	3.38	3.32	3.31	3.34	3.30	3.35	3.27	3.31	
Standard deviation	0.73	0.86	0.75	0.71	0.67	0.71	0.76	0.71	0.63	0.68	0.68	0.78	0.69	0.71	0.77	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.70	0.81	0.79	
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.08	

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Young people wanting to complete an apprenticeship with an early years provider should be allowed to do so without GCSEs at C or higher in both English and maths as long as they have equivalent qualifications in those subjects

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Strongly agree	(4) 21%	434 22%	221 20%	213 20%	48 20%	82 23%	77 23%	75 20%	62 21%	90 20%	122 22%	107 19%	97 22%	107 21%	58 23%	197 22%
Tend to agree	(3) 44%	906 44%	446 45%	460 44%	89 37%	156 44%	135 40%	170 47%	129 44%	228 50%	233 42%	249 45%	203 45%	222 44%	112 44%	387 43%
Tend to disagree	(2) 16%	327 16%	156 16%	171 16%	45 19%	56 16%	54 16%	59 16%	43 14%	70 15%	103 19%	99 18%	61 14%	63 13%	52 21%	134 15%
Strongly disagree	(1) 6%	119 6%	49 5%	69 7%	22 9%	11 3%	24 7%	13 3%	28 10%	20 4%	39 7%	29 5%	24 5%	26 5%	12 5%	57 6%
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Mean	2.93	2.96	2.89	2.80	3.01	2.91	2.97	2.86	2.95	2.88	2.90	2.97	2.98	2.92	2.93	
Standard deviation	0.83	0.81	0.84	0.92	0.78	0.88	0.76	0.90	0.77	0.87	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.82	0.85	
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Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.08

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Weighted base	2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	254	906
NET: Agree	1410 69%	680 68%	730 69%	148 62%	231 65%	221 66%	243 67%	226 76%	340 74%	401 73%	354 64%	314 70%	342 68%	172 67%	614 68%
Strongly agree	(4) 537 26%	269 27%	268 26%	55 23%	84 24%	99 29%	82 22%	83 28%	135 29%	147 27%	120 22%	124 28%	147 29%	71 28%	213 24%
Tend to agree	(3) 873 43%	411 41%	462 44%	93 39%	147 41%	122 36%	161 44%	143 49%	206 45%	254 46%	234 42%	190 42%	195 39%	101 40%	401 44%
Tend to disagree	(2) 220 11%	119 12%	101 10%	30 12%	35 10%	40 12%	47 13%	23 8%	46 10%	71 13%	62 11%	39 9%	48 10%	31 12%	101 11%
Strongly disagree	(1) 51 2%	22 2%	28 3%	9 4%	7 2%	10 3%	10 3%	5 2%	9 2%	11 2%	17 3%	11 2%	12 2%	6 2%	20 2%
NET: Disagree	271 13%	141 14%	129 12%	39 16%	42 12%	50 15%	57 16%	27 9%	55 12%	82 15%	78 14%	50 11%	60 12%	37 15%	121 13%
Don't know	370 18%	178 18%	192 18%	51 21%	82 23%	66 20%	65 18%	42 14%	65 14%	68 12%	120 22%	84 19%	98 20%	46 18%	171 19%
Mean	3.13	3.13	3.13	3.04	3.13	3.14	3.05	3.20	3.18	3.11	3.06	3.17	3.19	3.13	3.10
Standard deviation	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.81	0.73	0.80	0.75	0.67	0.72	0.73	0.76	0.73	0.76	0.77	0.73
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.03

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The Government should treat childcare and healthcare the same when it comes to the qualifications rules that allow people to work in the sector

Base: All respondents

	Region													Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?							
	Total	Scotland	Wales	NET: England	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	East of London	London	South East	South West	No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	NET: Under 16	NET: Any 5-18	Any aged under 5	Any aged 5-10	Any aged 11-15	Any aged 16-18
Unweighted base	2051	198	110	1743	91	223	200	170	138	221	237	287	176	1513	528	453	435	187	232	197	130
Weighted base	2051	178	104	1768	86	236	174	184	152	199	270	287	180	1499	543	462	448	191	231	201	137
NET: Agree	1410 69%	123 69%	66 63%	1222 69%	65 76%	166 70%	120 69%	134 73%	109 72%	133 67%	191 71%	182 63%	122 68%	1037 69%	369 68%	314 68%	308 69%	131 68%	157 68%	134 67%	96 70%
Strongly agree	(4) 26%	537 24%	44 25%	468 26%	29 33%	64 27%	43 25%	60 32%	33 22%	54 27%	77 29%	67 23%	40 22%	381 25%	156 29%	130 28%	133 30%	55 29%	61 27%	60 30%	43 31%
Tend to agree	(3) 43%	873 44%	79 38%	754 43%	36 42%	102 43%	76 44%	74 40%	76 50%	79 40%	114 42%	115 40%	82 45%	655 44%	213 39%	184 40%	175 39%	76 40%	96 41%	74 37%	53 38%
Tend to disagree	(2) 11%	220 10%	19 13%	188 11%	8 9%	16 7%	21 12%	20 11%	11 7%	30 15%	23 9%	39 14%	19 11%	154 10%	63 12%	52 11%	51 11%	24 12%	25 11%	20 10%	19 14%
Strongly disagree	(1) 2%	51 3%	6 5%	40 2%	4 5%	2 1%	6 3%	3 2%	5 4%	2 1%	9 3%	5 2%	4 2%	40 3%	10 2%	7 2%	8 2%	3 2%	2 1%	4 2%	3 2%
NET: Disagree	271 13%	24 14%	19 18%	228 13%	12 14%	19 8%	27 15%	23 12%	16 11%	32 16%	32 12%	44 15%	23 13%	194 13%	73 13%	59 13%	59 13%	26 14%	27 12%	24 12%	21 16%
Don't know	370 18%	31 18%	20 19%	319 18%	9 11%	51 22%	28 16%	28 15%	26 17%	33 17%	47 17%	61 21%	36 20%	268 18%	100 18%	89 19%	82 18%	34 18%	47 20%	44 22%	20 15%
Mean	3.13	3.09	3.03	3.14	3.17	3.24	3.08	3.21	3.09	3.12	3.16	3.08	3.10	3.12	3.16	3.17	3.18	3.16	3.18	3.21	3.16
Standard deviation	0.74	0.76	0.84	0.74	0.82	0.66	0.77	0.74	0.72	0.74	0.77	0.75	0.71	0.74	0.75	0.73	0.75	0.74	0.69	0.75	0.77
Standard error	0.02	0.06	0.09	0.02	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07

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Requiring all Early Years Educators to have at least a C in both English and Maths GCSE could exclude potential applicants who are well suited to the role

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private	
Unweighted base	2051	1044	1007	259	332	342	385	282	451	565	603	343	540	224	837	
Weighted base	2051	999	1052	238	355	337	366	296	460	552	552	447	500	254	906	
NET: Agree	1212 59%	589 59%	623 59%	137 58%	216 61%	207 61%	218 60%	163 55%	271 59%	333 60%	314 57%	264 59%	301 60%	172 68%	526 58%	
Strongly agree	(4) 20%	404 20%	208 21%	196 19%	46 19%	80 23%	66 19%	81 22%	48 16%	83 18%	123 22%	94 17%	76 17%	111 22%	73 29%	167 18%
Tend to agree	(3) 39%	808 39%	381 38%	427 41%	92 38%	136 38%	141 42%	137 38%	115 39%	188 41%	210 38%	220 40%	188 42%	190 38%	99 39%	360 40%
Tend to disagree	(2) 20%	404 20%	218 22%	186 18%	43 18%	62 17%	56 17%	76 21%	62 21%	105 23%	119 21%	118 21%	76 17%	91 18%	40 16%	170 19%
Strongly disagree	(1) 6%	121 6%	51 5%	69 7%	22 9%	22 6%	23 7%	16 4%	17 6%	20 4%	40 7%	36 7%	26 6%	19 4%	18 7%	52 6%
NET: Disagree	524 26%	269 27%	255 24%	66 28%	84 24%	79 23%	92 25%	79 27%	125 27%	158 29%	154 28%	102 23%	110 22%	57 22%	222 24%	
Don't know	314 15%	141 14%	173 16%	35 15%	55 15%	51 15%	56 15%	54 18%	64 14%	60 11%	84 15%	81 18%	89 18%	25 10%	158 17%	
Mean	2.86	2.87	2.85	2.79	2.91	2.87	2.91	2.80	2.84	2.85	2.80	2.86	2.95	2.99	2.86	
Standard deviation	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.92	0.88	0.86	0.84	0.84	0.81	0.89	0.85	0.83	0.82	0.90	0.84	
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03	

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Base: All respondents

	Region													Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?							
	Total	Scot-land	Wales	NET: Eng-land	North East	North West	York-shire & Humb-erside	West Mid-lands	East Mid-lands	East-ern	London	South East	South West	No child-ren aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	NET: Under 16	NET: Any 5-18	Any aged under 5	Any aged 5-10	Any aged 11-15	Any aged 16-18
Unweighted base	2051	198	110	1743	91	223	200	170	138	221	237	287	176	1513	528	453	435	187	232	197	130
Weighted base	2051	178	104	1768	86	236	174	184	152	199	270	287	180	1499	543	462	448	191	231	201	137
NET: Agree	1212 59%	98 55%	69 66%	1045 59%	49 57%	129 55%	103 59%	113 61%	87 58%	129 65%	164 61%	161 56%	109 61%	869 58%	339 62%	293 63%	283 63%	121 64%	145 63%	136 68%	82 59%
Strongly agree	(4) 20%	404 20%	36 11%	358 20%	10 11%	45 19%	41 24%	39 21%	23 15%	49 25%	70 26%	43 15%	37 21%	269 18%	136 25%	110 24%	111 25%	50 26%	55 24%	46 23%	38 28%
Tend to agree	(3) 39%	808 39%	62 35%	688 39%	40 46%	84 36%	62 36%	74 40%	64 42%	79 40%	94 35%	118 41%	72 40%	601 40%	203 37%	183 40%	172 38%	71 37%	90 39%	90 45%	44 32%
Tend to disagree	(2) 20%	404 20%	39 22%	351 20%	17 20%	53 23%	37 21%	35 19%	31 21%	39 20%	47 17%	61 21%	30 17%	315 21%	88 16%	73 16%	75 17%	28 14%	40 17%	28 14%	31 22%
Strongly disagree	(1) 6%	121 6%	12 7%	104 6%	5 6%	14 6%	11 6%	7 4%	9 6%	10 5%	14 5%	20 7%	14 8%	81 5%	38 7%	29 6%	27 6%	17 9%	9 4%	12 6%	10 7%
NET: Disagree	524 26%	51 29%	19 18%	455 26%	23 26%	67 28%	47 27%	42 23%	41 27%	49 25%	61 23%	81 28%	43 24%	397 26%	126 23%	102 22%	102 23%	45 23%	50 21%	39 20%	40 29%
Don't know	314 15%	30 17%	16 16%	268 15%	14 16%	39 17%	23 13%	29 16%	24 16%	21 11%	45 17%	44 16%	28 15%	233 16%	78 14%	68 15%	63 14%	25 13%	37 16%	26 13%	16 11%
Mean	2.86	2.81	2.86	2.87	2.75	2.82	2.89	2.93	2.79	2.95	2.97	2.76	2.87	2.83	2.94	2.95	2.95	2.93	2.98	2.97	2.90
Standard deviation	0.85	0.90	0.69	0.86	0.79	0.86	0.89	0.81	0.82	0.85	0.88	0.84	0.88	0.83	0.90	0.87	0.87	0.94	0.83	0.83	0.93
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.09