**Department for Education**

We wanted to draw your attention to an update that has been made to the [EYFS disapplications guidance](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fearly-years-foundation-stage-framework--2%2Fearly-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3-qgxrowWaxy5TvzpiK-bzBIYX3E4tNrkAn2zivMbq4TTOcKe27A2DLok&data=04%7C01%7Cjan.milstead%40hounslow.gov.uk%7C9cb8e96276e246f8dfaf08d93a533d6b%7C5b62666662464c9bacc7716a5a94bd03%7C0%7C0%7C637604951455306651%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pIHZuHti6iO8PJ6tUlGqxi6rS7D69sKriZ0P5MHxV0o%3D&reserved=0). This update is to:

* Link to the current version of Ofsted’s early years inspection handbook, published on 28 June 2021, for inspections taking place from 1 September 2021
* Clarify that the period in which the EYFS disapplications can be used ends on 31 August 2021
* Clarify that if government restrictions and requirements are lifted before 31 August 2021 the disapplications can no longer be used as the necessary conditions for using them will no longer be met