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Submitted to **Early Years Foundation Stage reforms**
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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What local authority area are you based in?

Please select:
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4 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
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5 In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?

Please select one option from the list below:
Other

6 If you answered "Other" please specify in what capacity you are responding to this consultation.

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Professional membership organisation

7 Would you like us to keep your responses confidential?

No

Reason for confidentiality:

Setting the context

The Early Years Foundation Stage statutory framework

Background to the proposed changes

Educational programmes

8 Please give us your views on whether the activities described in each of the proposed educational programme summaries support children's learning and development throughout the EYFS.

Please provide your view below, being specific about which educational programme this applies to where appropriate.:

The Early Learning Goals

9 Please give us your views on whether the proposed ELGs are clear, specific and easy to understand.

Please provide your views below, being specific about which ELGs they apply to where appropriate.:

10 Please give us your views on whether the proposed ELGs contribute to a well-rounded assessment of a child's development at the end of reception year.

Please provide your views below, being specific about which ELGs they apply to where appropriate.:

The EYFSP assessment process

11 What are your views on removing the LA statutory element of EYFSP moderation?

Please provide your views below.:

12 What are your views on whether removing the LA statutory element of the EYFSP moderation will help to reduce teacher workload?

Please provide your views below.:

13 What alternatives to LA statutory moderation do you think could help to ensure consistency of EYFSP judgements across the ELGs?

Please provide your views below.:

14 What are your views on the proposal to remove the 'exceeded' judgement from the EYFSP?

Please provide your views below.:

Safeguarding and Welfare

15 Should the requirement in the EYFS framework to 'promote the good health of children' also include oral health?

Please provide your views below.:

Yes.

Tooth extraction remains the number one reason why children are admitted to hospital, despite tooth decay being an almost entirely preventable disease., and many children and parents are unsure about what good oral health looks like, and are unaware of its importance for general health.

Six in ten children aged 1-4, and 40% of children aged 0-17, are not brought to see a dentist in a given year, despite the NHS recommending regular check-ups starting by a child's first birthday.

The UK was recently ranked the lowest of 13 countries for providing oral health education in schools, and the government has commendably sought to address this by adding oral health to the curriculum for primary and secondary school children.

The inclusion of oral health at the EYFS stage will help engender good habits even earlier, will contribute to the success of oral health education at later stages, and is potentially a very significant moment in improving children's oral health.

Equalities Assessment

16 Please provide any representations and/or evidence on the potential impact of our proposals on people with protected characteristics for the purposes of the Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010).

Please provide your response below.: