
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, made under the Childcare Act 2006, specify the welfare requirements that early years providers must secure in providing early years provision. Together with the “learning and development requirements” specified under section 39(1)(a) of the Childcare Act 2006, these form the “Early Years Foundation Stage”.

The “Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage”, published by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills (ISBN 978-1-84478-921-4) is given the force of law. Copies of this document are available from DfES Publications, PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham, NG15 0DJ (Tel 0845 6022260) Ref: 00012-2007PCK-EN, email dfes@prolog.uk.com or online from www.teachernet.gov.uk/publications.

Regulation 7 prohibits the use of corporal punishment by early years providers to children in their care.

Regulation 8 requires early years providers to notify the Chief Inspector of certain events (specified in the Schedule to the Regulations), and the procedure to be followed in providing notification.

Regulations 9 and 10 set out the procedure to be followed by the Chief Inspector where an early years provider has failed or is failing to comply with the welfare requirements.

Regulation 11 makes it an offence for an early years provider who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the requirements set out in regulations 7, 8 and 9(2).

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations. It is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk>.