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Early years foundation stage (EYFS)

Information: the early years foundation stage profile will remain statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year

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The early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) was due to become non-

statutory from September 2016. Having carefully looked at the particular issues regarding the EYFSP and also in the context of the overall changes to primary assessment, the EYFSP will now remain statutory for the 2016 to 2017 academic year.

This is to provide continuity and stability for schools, pupils and parents and avoid unnecessary change whilst we take the time to review options for assessment in the reception year beyond 2016 to 2017.

In the meantime, schools must continue to complete the EYFSP for their reception-year pupils in the summer term, by 30 June 2017 and report the results to local authorities.

We recognise that this clarification comes during the summer break but we wanted to confirm as soon as possible the position for local authorities, schools and others ready for the start of the new term.

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