

# STAFFING RATIO



## Purpose

Edstart ensures that appropriate staffing ratios are maintained at all times to keep children safe, well supervised, and fully supported during wraparound provision.

## EYFS Ratios (Reception Age Children)

For children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Edstart follows the Statutory EYFS Framework:

- 1 adult : 13 children
  - Where a qualified teacher, Level 6 practitioner, or suitably qualified Level 3 practitioner is present and leading.
- 1 adult : 8 children
  - Where a Level 3 practitioner is not leading the session.
- At least one member of staff must hold a full and relevant Level 3 qualification.
- At least one member of staff must hold a current Paediatric First Aid certificate and be on site at all times.

## Wraparound Practical Approach.

Due to the mixed-age nature of wraparound care:

- Ratios are planned based on the youngest children present (EYFS first)
- Reception children are prioritised within staffing deployment
- A Key Person approach is used to ensure close supervision and support
- Staff are positioned to maintain clear visibility and active supervision at all times

## Key Stage 1 & 2 Ratios (Guidance)

For children above EYFS, Edstart follows best practice guidance:

- 1 adult : 15–20 children (depending on activity, space, and risk level)

Ratios may be adjusted based on:

- Nature of the activity (e.g. sports, outdoor play)
- Children's needs (e.g. SEND, behaviour)

- Environment and space available

#### Additional Staffing Considerations

- Higher ratios (more staff) will be used where required for:
  - Children with SEND or additional needs
  - Off-site activities or trips
  - Activities with higher levels of risk
- Gender balance will be considered where appropriate
- All staff are suitably vetted (DBS), trained, and inducted

#### Supervision and Deployment

- Staff will be deployed to ensure:
  - Full visibility of all children
  - Safe use of indoor and outdoor spaces
  - Effective management of transitions (arrival, snack, collection)
- Headcounts are completed at key points throughout the session

#### Monitoring and Review

- Ratios are checked daily by the Lead Coach / Manager
- Staffing levels are reviewed regularly to ensure compliance and safety