



# EARLY YEARS QUALITY STANDARDS.

**The Early Years Quality Standards (EYQS) provides thought provoking challenge, brings fresh perspectives and promotes continuous quality improvement.**

The EYQS includes tailored support and a thorough audit of provision. Participants will be assigned an HFL Early Years adviser as a mentor; who will support and guide them through the process.

**To join the next cohort starting in September 2023 and attend our free EYQS online briefing on Thursday 14th September, 3.45pm – 4.45pm please email [eyquality@hfleducation.org](mailto:eyquality@hfleducation.org)**

*The EYQS provided the opportunity to highlight what worked well using the ECERS scale, identifying and acknowledging how we work as a special school.*

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The EYQS has three levels of award and uses evidence based tools to support thorough self-evaluation.

The process takes up to one academic year to complete, depending on the level of award chosen.



## **Autumn Term – BRONZE AWARD**

A gateway visit from an adviser and self-evaluation using EYFS statutory framework.



## **Autumn to Spring Term – SILVER AWARD**

Includes a focussed visit using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS).



## **Autumn to Summer Term – GOLD AWARD**

A setting led research and development project which 'makes a difference' to outcomes for children.

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*The cost of the Early Years Quality Standards is based on the size of the provision, number of children and the level of quality mark the setting chooses to work towards. Deadline for cohort applications is 30th September 2023.*  
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