



ADULT TO CHILD SUPERVISION RATIOS – Appendix 5

Ofsted has confirmed that it is only acceptable to have one member of staff on duty if the setting is still able to meet *all* the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Register (and also the Childcare Register, if applicable). For example:

1. We must meet the correct staff: child ratios; in other words, there can be no more than 30 children present (or no more than eight if they are younger than Reception age but aged 3 or over).
2. If children younger than Reception age are present, the member of staff must have a 'full and relevant' Level 3 qualification.
3. If only children of Reception age or older are present, the member of staff must have the necessary skills and experience to fulfil their role.
4. The member of staff must fulfil the other skills or roles required at each session, i.e. they must hold a 12-hour paediatric first aid certificate and child protection training.
5. The member of staff must be able to keep the children in sight or hearing at all times.
6. We must have conducted the necessary risk assessments (How would you ensure security of the premises? Is it possible to summon assistance? Does the layout of your setting enable a single member of staff to keep the children in sight or hearing at all times? What about children going to the toilet? etc)

We will always have a minimum of two members of staff working with children even if the group of children is small.