

## Joanna Galashan

Reception year teacher

Joanna Galashan is a reception year teacher at College Green School and Services in London. Joanna joined Cohort 2 of the Early Years Professional Development Programme in September 2023. Here she provides her feedback on how she's finding the programme so far.

### Why did you decide to do this training programme?

I wanted to develop my knowledge of EYFS practice and gain new strategies and ideas.

### How easy have you found the programme to access?

Once I'd spent a little time exploring the learning platform, I found it easy to navigate.

I have found the email/phone support fantastic with timely replies and a friendly helpful service being provided.

### What impact has the programme had on your provision?

This course has really helped to build my confidence in planning and delivering learning experiences.

I have been far more vocal and able to lead planning meetings more effectively due to this. I have been able to share ideas and strategies with my team. I have a list of notes/ideas to revisit and explore in due time.



### So far, what do you think the most beneficial aspects of the training are?

It's been very good for making me reflect on my practice and identify my strengths and areas of development. I have been able to confidently draw on my existing knowledge and skills and adapt them to strategies suited to EYFS.

### Would you recommend others to do the EYPDP and why?

Yes. This is because it brings together people from all over the country from different settings and different experiences.

Through the webinars there is something to learn from everyone- be that an ECT, childminder or a seasoned teacher. I also think it is pitched right as in a lot of the knowledge/ skills content would be familiar to most educators but through the learning platform this is built on with new ideas and perspectives.

### What legacy/lasting impact do you think EYPDP will have on your setting?

I feel the EYPDP has stimulated discussion to help us think not only how we do things but why. I think future use of the audits provided will help us to accentuate the positives of our environment and to stimulate the use of new ideas and strategies.

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