

## **ISI Statement re Supervision Ratios for EYFS at Break and Lunchtime**

Dear all

We have recently received queries regarding supervision ratios for EYFS at break and lunchtime. Ofsted have confirmed that they and DCSF have now agreed a joint view on the interpretation of the requirements for staffing ratios at these times. It is: that for schools delivering the EYFS the ratios set out in Appendix 2 of the Statutory Framework and accompanying regulations **apply at all times**, including lunch and break times. In particular, the guidance set out in paragraph 3 of Appendix 2 on page 49 of the statutory framework makes it clear that these apply to maintained and independent schools. DCSF are advising their enquiries team accordingly.

The relevant ratios will differ between the types of provision schools offer and the qualifications of those delivering the EYFS. However, whatever the ratio, it must be applied at all times including breaks.

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