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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 83 - 18 July 2025





Dear provider,

For those of you enjoying a summer break, we hope you enjoy your time of rest and recuperation. For our all-year-round providers, the Early Years service continues to be on hand throughout the summer, and we look forward to visiting many of you during this time.

This will be our last provider email for this academic year, but we look forward to returning in September with our 'new look' provider email!

Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

Changes to the EYFS Safeguarding Requirements – September 2025

The much-anticipated updated EYFS statutory frameworks were published this week. There is a publication for [group and school-based providers](#) and one for [childminders](#).

Both are **effective from Monday 1st September 2025** and providers should continue to follow the current frameworks until this time.

You can see a summary of the changes [here](#).

EY Advice line during the summer

From the week commencing Monday 28th July, the [Early Years Advice Line](#) will be operating on Wednesdays only. Normal business will resume from Monday 8th September.

Gloucestershire Early Years Conference 2025

We are delighted to once again be hosting our annual Early Years Conference for Gloucestershire providers. This year's event will take place on Friday 7th November at The Cheltenham Chase Hotel in Brockworth.

Due to high demand and previous waiting lists we have increased attendee numbers to 150 places. [Click here for a sneak preview of the agenda](#) packed with inspirational speakers and 5 exciting workshops to choose from!

Bookings can be made through [GCC+](#) from Monday 8th September. The cost will be £55 per practitioner.

We welcome large team groups; however setting's with more than 2 educators attending will be asked to book onto different workshops to give everyone the best possible opportunity to attend their first-choice workshop.

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Support Hubs

A reminder that DSL Support hubs will restart on Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 8.30am. The link to the meeting will be provided at the beginning of the new term in September.

Please also find the [minutes from this week's DSL Hub](#) and the [recording](#) available to watch.



Baby room network

We are so excited to be hosting our first [Baby room network meeting](#) on Wednesday 6th August, kindly hosted by



Partou Longlevens Day Nursery,
Gloucester.

We have already received offers to host future meetings in other areas of the county.

We have also had a request to offer a daytime meeting, so if you have space to host visitors during the working day, or are willing to host an evening session in another area of the county, please do let us know at;

EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk

PATA at Winchcombe closing down sale

We recently received the sad news that PATA @ Winchcombe Early Years are closing their doors for the final time at the end of term.

They have lots of lovely resources and furniture looking for new homes and will be holding a sale of these on Tuesday 22nd July from 12noon to 3pm.

The address is PATA @ Winchcombe Early Years, Back Lane, Winchcombe, GL54 5QJ. Cash and card payments are welcome.



50 things to do before you are 5

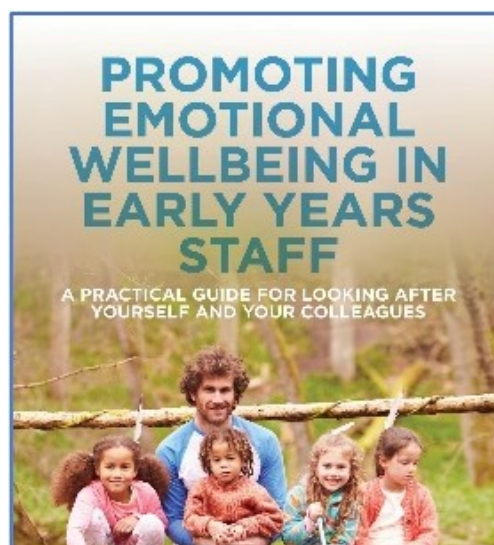
The '[Getting ready for school](#)' leaflet is a lovely resource to share with your Preschool leavers and their families as it includes '50 things to do before you are 5', offering plenty of fun ideas to try and achieve in the summer holidays like playing hopscotch together, hunting for worms, and blackberry picking



Book Corner

If you're looking for some summer reading, then 'Promoting emotional wellbeing in early years staff' by Sonia Mainstone-Cottom is a refreshing read.

The book offers succinct and practical guidance, tips and ideas for those working with young



children on how to comfortably manage the pressures of their job, improve their work/life balance, and provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how you look after yourself and your colleagues.



Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during the summer months - Book now!

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [Book here](#)

NEW- Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) -14/08/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm | Online via TEAMS - An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss changes to the EYFS from September 2025. [Book here](#)

NEW- Childminder Network Meeting (Teams)- 15/09/2025 7:00 - 8:00 | Scheduled | AUTCMN25-01 | Early Years | Online via TEAMS - Links will be sent the day before the meeting. An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss climate action plan. [Book here](#)

SENDSCO in the Early Years - (2 days) **Day 1** - 02/10/2025 9:15 - 3:00pm - **Day 2** 09/10/2025 - 9:15 - 3:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note: Most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.

If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.

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