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Good morning!

Welcome to this week's Business Newsletter.

As from next week the newsletter will return to being weekly.

If you have any questions, please email the [Early Years Administrators](#).

Thank you for the positive feedback for the business newsletters, please share with others asking them to subscribe.

Business and Finance News

Early Years Capital Grant

Thank you to all those settings who submitted an expression of interest for the early year's capital grant, we have now contacted you all with 'next steps' on how to make an application.

We have created a website with pages on the information/ guidance and application templates required to submit a grant application:

[Expanded entitlement](#) | [Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

We are inviting grant applications from 1 September - 27 September 2024 with the grant panel on 11 October

Settings applying for Wraparound grants for revenue and capital need apply via the Wraparound web page to access the relevant information / guidance and application templates:

[Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

We have arranged Early Years Capital Grant Information Briefings to give an overview of the grant process and answer any questions.

Training Opportunities panel below.

FUNDING CLAIMS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Please don't forget the changes to the funding payments that take effect from the Autumn term. The timetable below provides all the details (a copy can also be downloaded [here](#)):

Early Years Funded Free Entitlement For Under 5s - Timetable Academic Year 2024/25

	Autumn Term 2024/25	Spring Term 2024/25	Summer Term 2024/25
Claim Forms for Headcount Actual Issued	08 July 2024	09 December 2024	31 March 2025
Headcount Actual Task Opens	15 July 2024	16 December 2024	07 April 2025
Eligibility Code Deadline Date	31 August 2024	31 December 2024	31 March 2025
Term Starts	02 September 2024	06 January 2025	28 April 2025
Headcount Actual Task Closes	06 September 2024	10 January 2025	02 May 2025
Headcount Actual Payment Released from GCC (*) - 1st Instalment	20 September 2024	24 January 2025	16 May 2025
2nd Instalment received by	30 September 2024	30 January 2025	30 May 2025
3rd Instalment received by	30 October 2024	28 February 2025	30 June 2025
4th Instalment received by	30 November 2024	30 March 2025	30 July 2025
Headcount Actual payment breakdown lists issued	23 September 2024	27 January 2025	19 May 2025
Headcount Amendment Task Opens	04 November 2024	24 February 2025	02 June 2025
Headcount Amendment Task Closes	28 November 2024	21 March 2025	27 June 2025
Headcount Amendment Payment Released from GCC (*)	13 December 2024	04 April 2025	11 July 2025
Headcount Amendment payment breakdown lists issued	16 December 2024	07 April 2025	14 July 2025
Number of funded weeks	14 weeks	12 weeks	12 weeks
Term Ends	20 December 2024	11 April 2025	21 July 2025

(*) We do endeavour to meet the published payment dates for the 1st Instalment and the Amendment payment, but they are not guaranteed due to IT issues out of our control. The payment dates are when the funds leave Gloucestershire County Councils bank account and it can then take up to **3 working days** to reach your bank account. Please ensure that you have adequate funds to avoid any cash flow problems should we, for some reason, be unable to make the payments on the scheduled dates.

Issue Date April 2024

Multiply Programme – Skills For Life in Numeracy

Did you know that 78% of adults are working below Level 2 (GCSE grade 4/C) and 49% of adults have the numeracy skills expected of children at primary school? The Multiply programme, funded by DfE, supports Adult Skills in numeracy through high



quality educational courses and employment based training.
Running until March 2025 our aim is to support adults to:

- improve numeracy confidence and skills (in work, business finance matters, budgeting and money management...)
- ensure learners feel confident progressing towards qualifications or into work or progress in their existing job role;

Contact Claire to find out how we can support Childminders, Early Years Practitioners and Leaders, email:

Claire.Hanson@gloucestershire.gov.uk or call: 01452 583608

Multiply Eligibility

- Are you aged 19 or over?
- Have you lived in the UK for 3 years or longer
- Have you no maths GCSE Grade C / Grade 4 or equivalent?

Then Multiply is for you!

Multiply Programme

Checktember: 1 – 30 September

Get your people checking their numeracy this September!

National Numeracy, a UK charity dedicated to improving our numeracy, have a national campaign (Checktember) running throughout September to help us all improve our numeracy confidence.

Checktember is an annual initiative to get us brushing up on our number confidence. Using the [National Numeracy Challenge](#) for as little as 10 minutes a day during the month of September can noticeably improve numeracy skills.

The Challenge is a free, easy to use, online learning tool and allows users to understand their current numeracy level and enables them to quickly improve with tailored learning resources that are best for them.



Wraparound News

National Wraparound Childcare Programme Grant funding confirmed!

Exciting news DfE have confirmed that GCC will be getting £2,299,886.97 to support the creation and expansion of wraparound provision in Gloucestershire for the financial year 2024-2025.

We have recently held the first Grant panel at which applications received in our first tranche have been assessed. Applicants can expect to get emails confirming decisions or requests for more information over the next few weeks.

The next application window will open on the 1 Sept 2024 to 27 Sept 2024.

We will hold online support sessions for anyone wanting to apply at this time. These will cover how to complete the application form/business plan; what funding you can apply for; the programme requirements and support for how to ensure you meet inclusion and SEND.

These sessions are shown in the **Training Opportunities** panel below.

Applications round 2: opens 1 Sept to 27 Sept 2024 - Grant Panel will meet on the 11 Oct 2024.

From our first set of applications here are some reminders for those of you applying this time

Remember to

- show how the wraparound care links to schools
- show that the wraparound care is covering 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time for school age children – Reception to Year 6.
- make sure you have registered with Ofsted and HMRC.
- show how you are providing care that is inclusive and meets the needs of SEND children

Updates to the GCC web page for wraparound

[Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

[New NWCP Application Business Plan](#)

New **Parent Tile - *coming soon*** - with information for parents and carers – this is designed to support parents in finding information about anything to do with childcare and education. It will have links to other relevant sites within GCC and Glosfamilies.

Please share with your parents: [Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Action needed by providers of wraparound care - *thank you to those of you who have already replied.*

As you know the government's ambition is that by September 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare from 8am-6pm. As such we are asking all providers who currently offer out of school care to review their information on Glosfamilies Directory. Please find below a direct link to all providers currently listed within Out of School Care.

[Out of School Care Providers](#)

If your setting does not appear upon the list, please could you contact the Wraparound team on wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will arrange for your setting to appear within this section.

Provider training opportunities

Dates and courses to be confirmed for:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – how to provide inclusive wraparound care
- Safeguarding for Wraparound Staff
- Creating an awe-inspiring environment for wraparound care
- Business planning and monitoring wraparound provision

Training Opportunities

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Tuesday 3 September 6.00pm to 7.00pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Monday 9 September 12.00pm to 1.00pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Friday 13 September 10.00am to 11.00am - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Monday 9 Sept 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Thursday 12 Sept 9.30am to 10.30am - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Thursday 12 Sept 6pm to 7pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Business Team Network Meetings

We look forward to welcoming more of you to these meetings over the coming months. Please let us know of any specific areas you would like to discuss, send any suggestions to the [EY business inbox](#).

The dates and booking links are as follows:

19 September 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

15 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#). **Nursery Funding Focus- opportunity to speak with Sue Bodenham regarding any queries**

26 November 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

17 December 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

As these are online meetings and bookings will close the day before. We will send out the links on the morning of each event. If you need to book late at any time, please email the [Early Years Admin Team](#).

Useful Contacts

Gloucestershire Early Years: [Early Years and Childcare | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Childcare Works: Useful tools for settings regarding business: [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](https://www.childcareworks.org.uk)

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted): Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people [Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

PATA: PATA now has support tools available to purchase for non-members as well as members, including sample policies tailored specifically for Gloucestershire. [PATA \(UK\) - Home \(pataglos.org.uk\)](https://www.pataglos.org.uk) These and other resources are available at [PATA \(UK\) - Shop \(pataglos.org.uk\)](https://www.pataglos.org.uk) We'll be adding more policies and other bundles of documents over the next few months.

Out of School Alliance: Provides information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, including breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes. [Out of School Alliance | The web site of Out of School Alliance](https://www.outofschoolalliance.org.uk)

The Early Years Alliance: This charity is the largest early year's membership organisation that offers information and advice to the early years sector [Early Years Alliance | \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.eyalliance.org.uk)

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA): A charity and membership association for the nursery sector and people working in early years [National Day Nurseries Association - NDNA](https://www.ndna.org.uk)

Professional Association for Childcare Professionals (PACEY): A charity providing membership support that represents childminders and childcare professionals [Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years | PACEY](https://www.pacey.org.uk)

Childcare Choices: A website that provides information to parents and the early years and childcare sector on support available to pay for childcare [Homepage | Childcare Choices](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

GOV.UK: A sector information website where parents and the early years sector can find details of government services [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Provides information, advice and targeted financial support to families and individuals [HM Revenue & Customs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Charity Commission: The commission registers and regulates charities in England and Wales [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Companies House: Companies house incorporates companies and makes company information available to the public [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS): Provides free and impartial information to employers and employees on all aspects of work-based relationships and employment law [Acas | Making working life better for everyone in Britain](https://www.acas.org.uk)



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