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30 July 2024

Good morning!

Welcome to this week's Business Newsletter.

As many of you are working term time only, we have also decided to reduce the frequency of the Business News Tuesday publication, therefore over the summer Business news Tuesday will only be published on:

13 August 2024

27 August 2024

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

Business and Finance News

Do Something BIG' campaign – advertising vacancies on Find A Job

The [Do Something BIG](#) recruitment campaign is ramping up again in early August.

This multi-million-pound broadcast marketing campaign promotes early years and childcare careers on a national-scale across multiple advertising channels. It highlights the huge difference early years professionals make to young children and how rewarding working in the sector can be.

The campaign directs potential applicants to use DWP's [Find a Job](#) vacancy platform to search for early years roles in their area.

Providers should use the term 'early years' in the title of the job adverts and select 'Education jobs' for the job category.

This service is free to use and will ensure vacancies are seen by a large pool of potential candidates. Please see [DWP Find a Job instructions](#).

Please also look out for our NEW Marketing and Early Years Careers campaign that will be launching very soon.

WORKING PARENTS ENTITLEMENT FOR UNDER 2s – Autumn term

The Provider Portal software will be updated on 6th and 7th August and will not be available on these days. Following the update an additional task will then be opened for providers on 8th August that will allow you to claim the funded hours for children under 2, as part of the new expanded funding entitlement scheme.

2, 3 & 4 year olds should continue to be added to the task that opened on 9th July.

Validating the Working Parent Entitlement codes should be carried out before adding new children to your tasks and this continues to be accessible under the existing menu option in the portal.

Both tasks will close on 6th September.

DEADLINE DATE FOR AUTUMN TERM

Don't forget to remind your parents that their Working Parent Entitlement eligibility codes must be valid on **31st AUGUST 2024** to allow claims for the extended entitlements in the Autumn term. Any codes not valid on this date will not be eligible until the Spring term 2025.

LOCAL PROVIDER AGREEMENTS

There are still 102 Provider Agreement outstanding. These should have been returned to free34formsubmission@eygloucestershire.co.uk by 28 June 2024. The agreement was shared with providers in the portal on 24 May 2024. If we do not receive your signed declaration by September, your Autumn term funding claim payment could be

affected. Those providers that are outstanding should have received a reminder message via the portal. Please look out for it and, if necessary, please action as soon as possible.

Business Team Network Meetings

Thank you to all of you who attended last week's meeting with many of you taking points away to implement into your businesses.

The focus for the meeting was **Consumables & Compliant Invoices**, please see [here](#).

As we have decided to focus future meetings on a particular topic, we will publish the focus for the next meeting in a Business News Tuesday bulletin closer to the date.

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:

20 August 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#). **We hope this will have a Nursery Funding Focus - opportunity to speak with Sue Bodenham regarding any queries.**

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

15 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#). **We hope this will have a 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](#)

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/government/organisations/ofsted)

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/shop) 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/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs)

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

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/government/organisations/companies-house)

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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