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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 74 - 9 May 2025



Dear provider,

This week seems to have flown by, with the Easter holidays just gone and May half term not far away, it feels as though there just isn't enough hours in the day! Although I do think we should turn our 'to do' list into a 'not today' list. Anyway, hopefully our weekly email is on one of your lists



Have a good week and fingers crossed for more May sunshine.

Early Years and Childcare Service

**CACHE Accredited Level 3 Early Years
SENCO Award**

Congratulations to our fourth cohort of the Level 3 EY SENCo Award, all 18 delegates worked incredibly hard, their presentations at the end are always very inspiring. We have now trained over 70 CACHE Accredited Level 3 Early Years SENCo's in Gloucestershire.

We can now announce we will be running a fifth cohort of the **Level 3 Early Years SENCO Award** commencing in **September 2025**. On successful completion of the course and two assignment units involving both written and observational tasks, attendees will be awarded a CACHE accredited Level 3 Early Years SENCO Award. This course is suitable for childminders and practitioners who have at least one year's experience in the Special Educational Needs Coordinator role.

We are inviting Gloucestershire SENCOs to request a place on this course by completing the attached [‘Expression of Interest’ form](#) and returning to eyesadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk with the subject title ‘Level 3 SENCO Award’, no later than Friday 23rd May 2025.

The cost of this course is £300 which covers the assessor fees, all other training costs will be funded by GCC.



Ready for Learning (RFL) Time to submit your pre-school spreadsheet

If you haven't done so already please can you email your completed RFL spreadsheet to eyeservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk After submission you will receive a short, personalised data report specific to your setting,

together with Gloucestershire's average scores.

If you are not yet familiar with the Ready For Learning (RFL) toolkit, please do join one of the information sessions run by our Inclusion Advisors, you don't need to book in advance. To receive a RFL spreadsheet for your September cohort of children please email EYSadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Tuesday 13/05 3pm-4pm

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 369 631 538 892 8

Passcode: Gf7Q4wk7

Monday 19/05 9am-10am

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 337 429 678 375 5

Passcode: 3id6mA7h

Tuesday 20/05 12pm-1pm

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 324 002 727 753 0

Passcode: wP7eM3ed

Local Government Association is calling for your views

Contribute to research on early years special educational needs and disabilities

The LGA have commissioned [Isos Partnership](#) to conduct a [national survey of local providers](#) (nurseries of all types, schools and childminders) to understand the issues from your perspective. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and most of the questions are multiple choice. The deadline for completion is 12noon on Wednesday 14th May 2025.

Data in the early years

[Nesta](#) are conducting a short survey, which should take no more than 10 minutes, to better understand how people working in the early years currently use data and how they think they could use data better. The survey link is [here](#), and all questions in the survey are entirely optional, but there is a section about the data systems used.

Department for Education Southwest Road Show – Bristol 3rd June 2025

This event is a great opportunity to engage with DfE to share your ideas, successes, concerns and challenges and help shape government's current and future early education and childcare policy. You will also hear about the plan for the Best Start in Life pillar of its Opportunity Mission and activity underway to meet the expanded childcare entitlements from September 2025, and will network with other setting leaders, Local Authorities and organisations which support the sector.

You can [register for the event](#), the link is also included in the invite below.

Further details will be sent upon registering, including confirmation of registration.

If you have any queries, please email
EY.STAKEHOLDERS@EDUCATION.GOV.UK.

GSCP Designated Safeguarding Lead Hub

Please find attached the [notes](#) and [recording](#) from the DSL support hub meeting which took place on Wednesday.

CPD spotlight



This week we had a catch up with our colleagues in PATA and wanted to share some of their wonderful online CPD sessions.

Liz Pemberton, The Black Nursery Manager, presents **'An Introduction to Anti-Racist Practice in the Early Years'** 20th May 3;30pm – 5pm

<https://www.pataglos.org.uk/event-5938307>

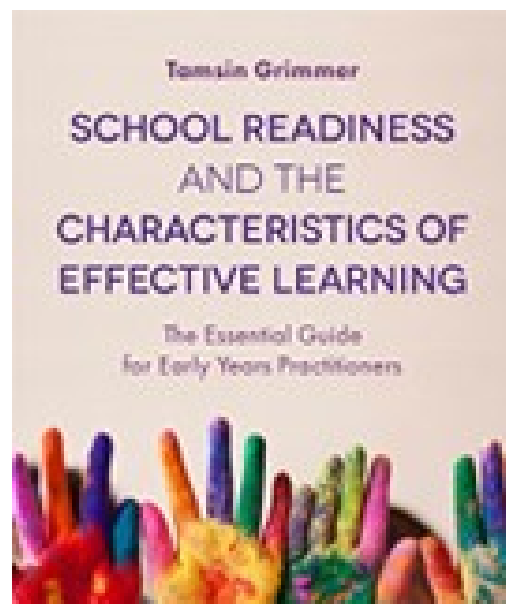
Safer Eating (EYFS Reforms) – Monday 12th May 6:30pm – 8pm

<https://www.pataglos.org.uk/event-6043300>

If anyone is interested in our EYFS Safeguarding Reforms training (which is running this evening) or can't make the Safer Eating one on Monday night, PATA are currently gauging whether there is enough interest to run these again so anyone interested can email training@pataglos.org.uk to register their interest.

Book Corner

As your thoughts turn more and more to preparing your preschoolers for their transition to school you may find this guide for early years practitioners written by Tamsin Grimmer an interesting read. 'School readiness and the characteristics of effective learning' explores the concept of 'school readiness', ensuring schools are



ready to receive children, and suggests ways in which early years providers can work collaboratively with schools and engage parents and carers to ensure a smooth transition for all children.



Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during May & June
- Book now!

Mathtastics in the Early Years - May 2025 - 1.00pm until 3.00pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. Book [here](#).

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 19 May 2025 - 7.00pm - 8.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 21 May 2025 1.00pm - 3.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 04/06/2025 - 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge GL2 7DD - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 05/06/2025 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 05/06/2025 - 16:00 - 18:00pm - Oakwood Primary, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD – [Book here](#).

Creating Your Early Years Curriculum - 06/06/2025 10:00am - noon - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 10/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) (Training Room) – [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) – [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 12/06/2025(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Gloucester locality.

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 19/06/2025 (Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Stroud locality.

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 23/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5:30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 24/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 25/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) – [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 1) - 26/06/2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1SS [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.





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