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Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 66 - 7 March 2025



Dear provider,

What a busy week you've all had! We've seen pancakes galore, World Book Day costumes, and lots of you joined us at this term's Leaders and Managers Network meeting in the middle of it all too.

We hope you all enjoy your well-deserved break at the weekend!

Early Education and Child Development team

Leaders and Managers Network meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday afternoon. We were kindly hosted by the University of Gloucestershire and had a great time chatting to you all. We were joined by Dr Clare Harris, Senior Lecturer in

Early Years, who told us all about their University offer and [PATA](#) who shared all the benefits of being a PATA member. EY Quality Lead Justine also shared some updates about the upcoming changes to the EYFS in September 2025. Best of all, the whole room were chatting away to each other sharing ideas and experiences. We look forward to welcoming you all to the next session on Wednesday 21st May, places filled quickly this time so [secure your place now](#).

DSL support hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 12th March 2025 from 8.30am. These 30 minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only) – there will be input from GHLL, Early Help, Community Social Workers and Police decision makers within the MASH, who alongside the GSEP team will be passing on current information, guidance and policies.

Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

Walks in the Forest



[Canopy Creative Network](#) is an arts organisation in the Forest of Dean who run monthly creative walks in nature to encourage people to get more creative! There are five [preschool creative walks in nature](#) coming up so it would be great to share their details with your parents.

All of the walks are available to [book here](#) and are free with a voluntary donation.

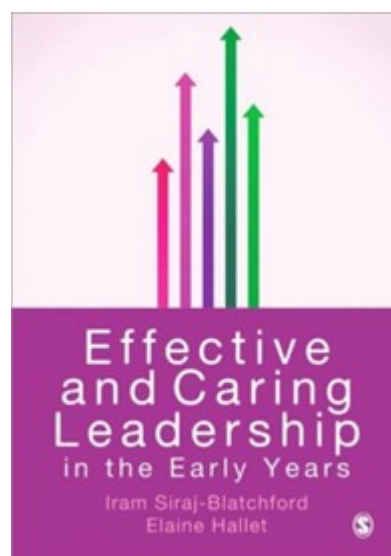
Choking prevention



It's that time of year again when mini eggs are lining the supermarket shelves. Our first instinct might be 'Yum!' however, just like grapes, they are the perfect size to block a small child's airway. Their hard shell can also make it difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques. Consider sharing some guidance with your parents over the coming weeks to raise awareness of their risk. Mini eggs can be broken into small pieces with a rolling pin, swapped for larger hollow chocolate eggs, or perhaps hidden and eaten by the adults! The [Child Accident Prevention Hub](#) has some helpful ideas to support safer eating.

Book Corner

Continuing the support to 'Leaders and Managers' following the network meeting this week, the title we have chosen to share today is 'Effective and Caring Leadership in the Early Years' by Iram Siraj-Blatchford and Elaine Hallet. This book provides ideas for relational leadership, firmly based in research and professional experience, including examples from EY leaders on their own reflective learning journeys.



CPD Spotlight



We've had lots of discussions this term during our visits about effective 'Supervision of Staff'. The Stronger Practice Hub are hosting an [Introduction to Staff Supervision](#) online session on Wednesday 12th March, 4pm-6pm. It may also be helpful to take a look at our [Supervision of Staff](#) handout and template.

Training and other opportunities!

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 10 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 11 March 6.00pm - 8.00pm Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge, GL2 7DD [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 12 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 13 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 18 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 20 March 19:00pm - 20:00pm - Teams link will be sent out before training [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - 20 March - 16:00 - 18:00pm - 16:00 - 18:00 | Scheduled | SUM24SIOTL208 | Early Years | Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 1 - 27 March - 16:00 - 18:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 2 April 2025 - 16:00 - 17:30pm - Steam Mills Primary School , Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting(Teams) - 23 April 2025 -19:00- 20.00pm. Online via TEAMS - Links will be sent out the day before the meeting. [Book here](#)

Welcome to the Early Years - 9 May 2025 - 09:30am - 12:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. [Book here](#)

Mathtastics in Early Years - Wednesday 14th May - Gloucester Farmers Club. 10am - 12noon - [Book here](#) or 1pm - 3pm - [Book here](#)

SENCO Training for Early Years - 15 May 2025 (Day 1) and 22 May 2025 (Day 2) 09:00am - 15:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

Exciting news to all providers! 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 Tota 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.***

The training will help your staff to develop their skills by exploring:

- How children develop their communication skills
- How to provide good quality adult:child interactions

- How to provide a communication friendly environment, using a range of communication methods including signs
- Why and how to use visuals

This session will also enable you to add resources to your practitioner communication tool kit and each delegate will receive a certificate for their CPD.

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

The standard GCC Cancellation Policy will apply:

- *100% refund 10 days or more before the course starts.*
- *50% refund between 9 and 5 days before the course starts.*
- *0% refund between 4 and 2 days before the course starts.*
- *0% refund between 1 day or fewer before the course starts.*





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