

Early Years Childminder Newsletter - June 2025



Dear Childminders,

Welcome to your June Newsletter, I am so excited to have booked a face-to-face training evening specifically for childminders so please get booking (see below). I have seen some amazing learning opportunities this month around life-cycles, with tadpoles, caterpillars, and even nymphs (baby stick insects) in different childminding settings.

In this newsletter there is booking information for Total Communication Training for Childminders, information about Pata - they are attending the network meeting on the 17th June, so please do come along for further information about their support and the training available. There is also the latest from the Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub, free level 3 SENCO training now available for childminders and the Early Education and Childcare Coalition has launched a short survey which aims to capture the true impact of recent cost pressures on Early Years settings.

Total Communication Training for Childminders

We are running a Total Communication training session specifically for Childminders at Gloucester Farmers Club on 9 July 2025, from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

The training will help you to develop 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. [Click here to book](#)

Childminder Network Meetings (Teams)

I am sorry as there seemed to be a problem with the link to the May network meeting, apologies if you could not access the session, please don't let it put you off booking in the future.

[Book here for 17 June](#) – PATA speaker to share their offer and available training.

[Book here for 16 July](#) – Changes to the EYFS from September 2025

Please use the opportunity to attend the Network meetings or they may drop to termly events

Stronger Practice Hub Events - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub

The [Stronger Practice Hub](#) has a number of training events that are free to access training sessions for Gloucestershire childminders, including;

Talking With Babies

Date June 4, 2025 **Time** 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm **Venue** Online Course
Organiser Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub **Price** Free

This session will explore how we can talk with babies to help them become confident communicators and develop respectful relationships that enable them to make genuine choices. We will consider how mindful care routines might support communication and language, the power of nonverbal communication, and learning the 'conversational dance'. We will explore the benefits of 'contingent talk' with younger children and how high-quality adult/child interactions and planning for talk can be part of everyday practice. This session is for anyone working with babies.

[Click here to book](#)

Quality Interactions for Early Years Childminders and Settings

Date June 16, 2025 **Time** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Venue** Online Course
Organiser Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub **Price** Free

This session will explore the basics of effective, authentic, meaningful interactions with children in the early years. We will cover what makes for quality interactions: the way we use our body and voice, how we listen, pause, and reflect on children's learning with them, how we can deepen their thinking, provoke new learning, and delight in the children's fascinations. We will use the quality interaction checklist to learn more about how to develop good practice, as well as guidance from the EEF Evidence Store. [Click here to book](#)

Early Years SENCO - Level 3 - Best Practice Network

As part of the government's plan to break down barriers to opportunity, improving outcomes for children in early years education, the Department for Education is very pleased to announce that Best Practice Network (BPN) has been selected as our delivery partner to provide 1000 SENCO training places in financial year 2025-26.

The key aim of the programme is to increase the number of qualified SENCOs available to children in group-based settings and childminder settings, who have the knowledge and skills to properly fulfil the role of a SENCO described in the [code of practice and in the role description](#).

Training is available across England and is open to Early Years educators currently working as, or due to start working as, a Special Educational Needs Coordinator in their setting.

Applicants from group-based private, voluntary or independent (PVI) settings must hold a full and relevant level 3 Early Years qualification. Childminder applicants must hold either a full and relevant Early Years level 3 qualification or have a level 2 Early Years qualification but have fully completed at least one level 3 Early Years training module and have significant experience of working in Early Years.

Training will commence from June 2025 and recruitment is open now. For further information, and to complete your application, please see [Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#)

Spending Review - Early Education and Childcare Coalition

Ahead of the upcoming Spending Review in June, where the government will outline its future spending plans, the Alliance are working with the Early Education and Childcare Coalition to build as strong a case as possible for greater support for early years providers.

As part of this work, the Coalition has launched a short survey which aims to capture the true impact of recent cost pressures, including national minimum wage rises and changes to employer national insurance contributions, on early years settings now that these changes have come into effect.

The results of the survey will be used alongside a new independent research report commissioned by the Coalition to support the ongoing campaign for better funding for the sector ahead of the Spending Review.

They are asking as many early years settings as possible to respond to the survey, which should only take around 5 minutes. [Provider Survey](#).

Thank you for reading and I hope you find the Childminder Newsletters informative and useful. Please email [Caroline Vans](#) with any questions. Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).



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