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## Early Years Provider update

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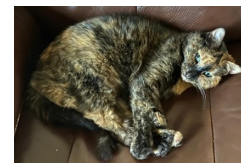
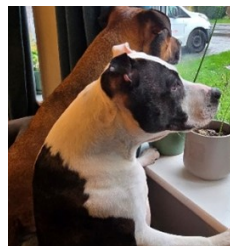
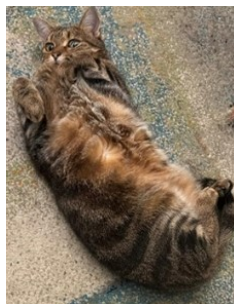
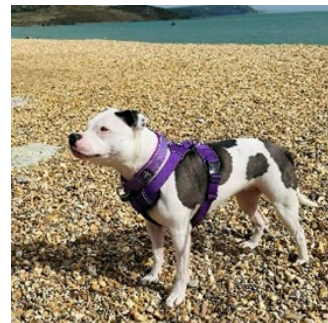
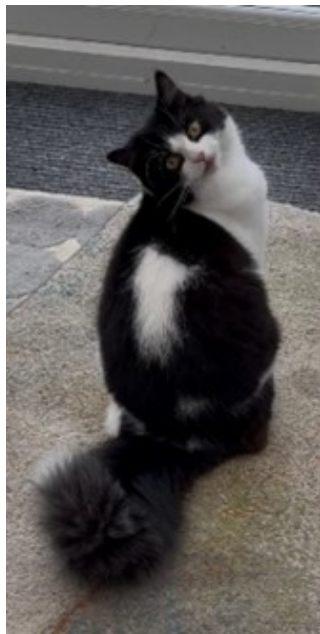


Dear provider,

Another week has flown by, and the sun is still shining! Many providers will be breaking up for Easter, and for those who aren't at least we have the bank holidays to look forward to.

This April is National Autism month so we have included some useful links that you may wish to explore. It is also National Pet month and as such the early years team have shared a photo of their furry friends (we will leave it for you to decide which pet belongs with which member of staff!)

### Early Years and Childcare Service



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## National Autism Awareness Month

Autism Education Trust has produced some great early years resources for parents, regarding transitions [Early Years Transitions Parent Guide -](#)

[Part 1](#) and for early years providers an [Early Years Competency Framework](#)

The National Autistic Society also has useful advice and guidance on, [What is autism](#), [Autistic women and girls](#) and [Masking](#)

The Open University has a range of free online courses [Understanding autism](#) is just one that you may wish to explore

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## **Have you seen Ofsted's latest blog?**

Ofsted recent blog focusses on how providers use their pupil premium. We are often asked how pupil premium can be used during our visits, so this blog is particularly useful [How we look at the use of Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\) in our inspections of early years settings – Ofsted: early years](#)

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## **GSCP Designated Safeguarding Lead Hub**

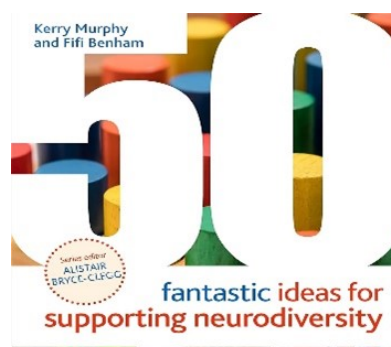
Please find attached the [minutes](#) from this week's DSL Support Hub.

[DSL Support Hub 20250409 083031 Meeting Recording](#)

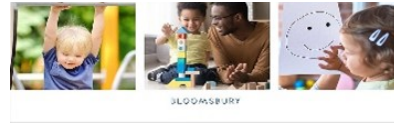
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## **Book Corner**

 If you haven't already seen Kerry Murphy and Fifi Benham's book '50 fantastic ideas for supporting neurodiversity' is worth a look. Activities featured include 'spin boxes', 'sensory stories' as well as information on how to



support parallel play and objects of reference. (I also like her book 50 fantastic ideas on supporting emotional regulation).



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## **Mathtastics In Early Years**

We have some places left on Ben Kingsley Hughes Mathtastic afternoon session on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Ben recently featured on Alistair Bryce-Cleggs The PLAYlist and also facilitated a work shop and end note speech at our last conference. [Book here](#) for a space on the afternoon session

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## **Training and other opportunities!**

**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](#)

**Childminder Network Meeting** (Teams) - 19 May 2025 -19:00 - 20:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

**Leaders and Managers Network Meeting** - 21 May 2025 13:00 - 15:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

**Creating Your Early Years Curriculum** - 6 June 2025 10:00 - 12:00 -

Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [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 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.***

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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