



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 89 - October 2025



Dear Provider,

Whilst we visited lots of providers during 'International Week of Happiness at Work' it was great to see so many of you dedicating your time to creating supportive workplace environments for you and your teams.

Promoting a positive culture within your workforce, where staff well-being is prioritised, adds happiness to your setting, increases staff retention, and encourages your team to grow and thrive as individuals.

We've seen well-being baskets full of goodies in offices, sharing platters of fruit and cupcakes in staff rooms, and special staff mentions in newsletters to parents.

Keep up the great work everyone and we hope you all have a happiness-filled weekend too.

Are you Part of a Local Early Years Provider Network?

We have had several requests this term from providers wishing to become part of a local network of early years providers to share best practice. If you are already operating a local cluster meeting in your area, please do get in touch so we can share this information with your local colleagues and put them in touch with you.

If you know there is no established network in your local area, and you would like support to get one up and running, please do get in touch with the EY Quality Improvement team at EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk who would be delighted to help you.

This week we are sharing an opportunity to join a Cheltenham based meeting on Tuesday 4th November at the Oasis Centre, Cassin Drive, GL51 7SY, 6:15-7:30pm. To book your place, please email Millie.barnes@cheltenhamymca.com

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Survey

Alongside our “You Said, We Did” Local Offer Report, the SEND and Inclusion Partnership (SILAP) were pleased to launch an Annual Survey for parents and carers on Monday, 6 October.



Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement for children and young people aged 0-25 years. Your views matter and will help us shape services. To read our 'You Said We Did Report 2025' and see what has changed in response to what you told us last year please visit: www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk



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The survey will open on 6 October 2025 and close on 5 December 2025.



The survey is for parent carers of children and young people between 0 to 25 years old with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities who are receiving education or support and services in Gloucestershire. Please share the survey link with your parents and encourage them to complete before the closing date on Friday 5th December.

[Survey Link](#)

Removal of Paper Multi-Agency Request Forms

We shared with you previously that from Wednesday 1st October 2025, paper Multi-Agency Request Forms will no longer be accepted by Gloucestershire Children's Services.

A reminder that all referrals must now be submitted using the online Multi-Agency Referral Form.

[Online Multi-Agency Referral Form](#)

DSL Support Hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL Support Hub on Wednesday 15th October 2025 from 8.30am.

These 30-minute sessions run every other Wednesday term-time only throughout the academic year. They share 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.

[Join the meeting here.](#)

Meeting ID: 331 965 298 918 2

Passcode: r64C8Qx2

Dingley's Promise Inclusion Programme

Dingley's Promise have launched two brand new, expert-led training courses, fully funded by Comic Relief.

An Inclusive Approach to Curriculum & Assessment is designed to help practitioners build the confidence and knowledge to ensure their curriculum is underpinned by inclusive practice. You will learn to make necessary adaptations, so your curriculum is accessible for all children, and understand how to use effective assessment tools to identify needs early and accelerate learning.

An Inclusive Approach to Curriculum & Assessment

Supporting Communication Development for Early Years Children with SEND is designed to respond to the growing number of children with early communication challenges, this course explores the stages of development and the barriers children with SEND can face. You will gain the confidence to identify needs and act quickly to support every child's communication journey.

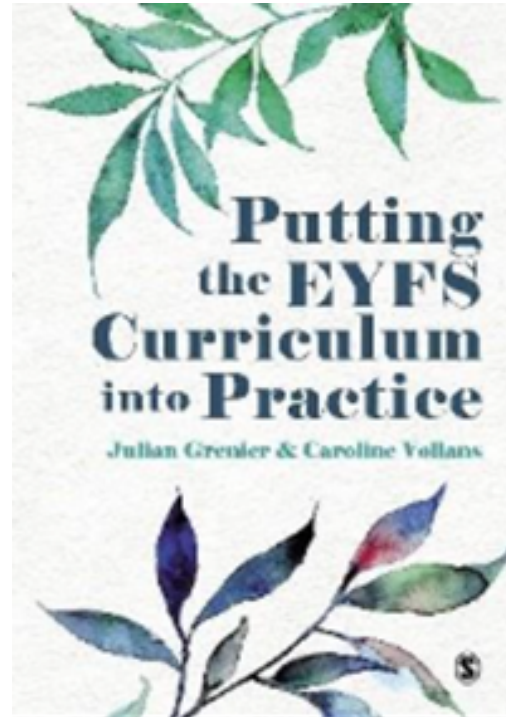
**Supporting Communication Development for Early Years
Children with SEND**

Sign up today to access these free CPD opportunities.

Book Corner

It's the time of year you will all have welcomed new children into your setting and be reflecting on your curriculum and how well it is working for your current cohort. This book, 'Putting the EYFS Curriculum into Practice' by Julian Grenier and Caroline Vollans offers clear, practical guidance on each of the 7 areas of learning and development of the EYFS.

The Early Years Service are also delivering Creating your Early Years Curriculum CPD session next week so do join us to explore how to design, implement, and review an effective early years curriculum.



Book: Creating your Early Years Curriculum - 17/10/25

CPD Spotlight - Early Education Gloucestershire

Last week Early Education Gloucestershire hosted a fantastic session for local educators all about phonological awareness skills which start to develop in the pre-school years and are really important for future literacy skills (reading and writing). They have kindly produced this helpful overview following the meeting to be shared with you all.

Early Education Gloucestershire

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings are now available to book:

Childminder Network Meeting - 14/10/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) (FULL) - 16/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy, Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH - [Book here](#)

Creating Your Early Years Curriculum - 17/10/2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#)

New to EYFS in Reception - 17/10/2025 - 1:30 - 4:30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 20/10/2025 - 09:30 - 11:30am - The Lighthouse Children and Family Centre, Linden Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL1 5JA - [Book here](#)

Getting it Right for Boys (FULL) - 21/10/2025 - 1:00 - 3:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

Getting It Right for Boys (FULL) - 21/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

Baby Room Network meeting - 27/10/2025 - 6:15 - 7:45pm - All My Friends Childcare (Barnwood), 87 Barnwood Nursery, Barnwood Road, Gloucester GL2 0SF [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development - 03/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Severnbanks Primary School, Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 04/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery Old Dowty Clubhouse, Ashchurch Pkwy,

Tewkesbury, GL20 8TU - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 06/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 06/11/2025 - 6:30pm - 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS - [Book here](#)

Early Years Confernce 2025 (FULL) - 07/11/2025 - 9:00am - 4.00pm - The Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Shurdington Road, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4PB - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 10/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre, Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, GL51 0ES - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Steam Mills Primary School, Steam Mills, Cinderford, GL14 3JD [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12/11/2025 - 6:00 - 8.00pm - Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge, Gloucester, GL2 7DD [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting (Gloucester Farmers Club) (FULL) - 12/11/2025 - 1:00 - 3:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 13/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Alderman Knight School, 46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8JJ - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13/11/2025 - 4:30 - 6:00pm - Kings Stanley Playgroup, Kings Stanley Village Hall, Broad Street, Kings Stanley, Stonehouse GL10 3PN - [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 18/11/2025 - 9:30 - 12.00pm - The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 18/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Longford Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, GL2 9FP - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 19/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - The Rissington School (Upper Rissington Site) Mitchell Way, Upper Rissington, Cheltenham, GL54 2PL - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - Adult Education (GCC) - 19/11/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years (FULL) - 20/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy, Veterans Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3WH. - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years (FULL) - 27/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Kingsway Primary School, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR - [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development - 04/12/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here](#)

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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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.

If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.

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