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Early Years Newsletter

8 November 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 51 (2024/25)

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Happy Friday everyone,

We hope everyone who took a half term break is back into the swing of things. This term always seems the busiest with the preparations for 'C' - dare we say that word before the 1st December.

Below are this week's updates.

Early Education and Child Development team

Gloucestershire Childminding Conference – Saturday 8th February 2025

We are really excited to share that bookings will be open today for all childminders to secure a place at the Early Years conference on February 8th at the Cheltenham Chase hotel.

There will be keynote speakers, workshops to attend, and networking opportunities with like-minded professionals. Available to [book now](#) through GCC+

Communications From Allegations Management

The Allegations Management Service have this month developed and launched a new 'Advice Request Form'. The form is available now on their [website](#) and allows you to submit advice queries, rather than emailing in directly to the AMM inbox.

The National Literacy Trust

Talking and listening to your baby helps build their communication skills from the very start. Our Little Moments Together cards are filled with tips and conversation ideas to help you chat to your 0-2 year-old throughout the day. Each one you try will help them learn to communicate.

[These are now available to download in 19 languages.](#)

Whether you're chatting about the washing, singing a rhyme or looking at books together, talking to your baby in the language you're most comfortable and confident with is the best way to begin to teach your baby to talk and communicate.

[Download your free copy](#) and make the most of every day little moments together.

Designated Safeguarding Lead Support Hub

Please find attached the [minutes](#) from the DSL Support Hub 6.11.24, the recording will follow.

University of Worcester

The University of Worcester (Department for Children and Families) has a range of exciting courses that could be part of your next CPD step.



In September 2025 the new [Early Years \(0-8\) Foundation Degree \(Higher Technical Qualification\)](#) will be starting and we are already taking applications.

- This course has been mapped to sector standards and is recognised as a Higher Technical Qualification, designed to improve your practice and leadership skills when working in the Early Years sector giving you the confidence to suggest new initiatives and innovations
- Enhancement of your academic and professional development whilst you work
- Provides theoretical insights on your professional practice and develop your leadership potential
- The professional practice pathway has 'Full and Relevant' status with the Department for Education
- Choose to study part-time at one of our partner colleges at a range of locations throughout the region, or blended learning on the [Flexible and Distributed Learning](#) pathway

We also have some specialised short online courses such as [Autism and Complex Needs L5](#) and [Therapeutic approaches to supporting children experiencing adversity L5](#)

To find out more email: m.malomo@worc.ac.uk or look out for us at the Early Years conference on 15th November.

Training and other opportunities!

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 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 (Level 1) - 14 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

Welcome to the Early Years - 18 November 2024 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 21 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

Leaders and Managers Meeting - 27 November 2024 - 13.00pm to 15.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (Level 2) - 28 November 2024 - 16.00pm to 18.00pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here.](#)

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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