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Early Years Newsletter

13 October 2023



Welcome to Provider Update 6 (2023/24)

We hope everyone is well.

Here are your updates.

Have a great weekend!

The Early Years Team

‘Have your say’ event for childminders

Thank you to all the childminders who attended the event last Saturday at The Cheltenham Chase hotel. How lovely to see so many of you. Everyone who attended will have received an email this week giving details of plans moving forward using the information and feedback everyone gave. Don't forget, we are currently advertising for an experienced childminder to join our team – please have a look at the hyperlink below.

[Early Years Quality Lead \(Childminders\)](#)

If you would like to chat to someone about this role, please contact [Jane Shotbolt](#).

Did you attend the Ofsted roadshow in July?

Last month Ofsted published a series of short [webinars](#) that include the content from their curriculum roadshows. You can find the series on [YouTube](#).

EYFS Profile 2024 handbook

The EYFS Profile is an important statutory assessment of children's development at the end of the EYFS. The DfE have published the updated [EYFS Profile 2024 handbook](#) to support teachers and early years practitioners to complete the EYFS Profile assessment in the 2023/24 academic year, in line with statutory requirements.

The EYFS Profile **must** be completed for each child and submitted to the local authority no later than **30 June 2024**. Local authorities must submit EYFS Profile data to DfE by **31 July 2024**.

EYFS exemptions guidance

The updated [EYFS guidance on exemptions for early years providers and individual children](#) combines, simplifies, streamlines and clarifies the previous guidance, making it easier to follow and implement. There have been no changes to the EYFS exemptions policy or processes.

If you would like to be added to the EYFS assessment mailing list, please email using the following link: [EYFS Exemptions](#)

Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for academic year 2025/26

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years.

Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools last consulted on our admission arrangements in 2016; we are now due a full consultation.

Please share the link below with parents – there is a short survey to complete if they wish.

[Have your say on school admissions | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Rising cases of Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country. We have been asked to share key messages from the NHS about measles / MMR and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Please share these resources with colleagues and parents.

Nursery Rhyme Week – 13-17 November

You may be familiar with World Nursery Rhyme Week from previous years; many settings across Gloucestershire regularly take part in the annual week which celebrates the importance of nursery rhymes in children's learning and development. We are grateful to our colleagues in the Educational Psychology Service who have put together a fantastic pack of resources specifically for Childminders and Early Years settings to use, including activity ideas and information leaflet for parents. Information is available on the hyperlink below:

[Nursery rhyme week 13-17 November 2023 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Last call: Early Years Providers Leaders and Managers network meeting

The Leaders and Managers meetings are an opportunity for EY Managers to network, share good practice and concerns, receive local updates from GCC and to work collaboratively as a sector to identify solutions to some of the issues facing Leaders and Managers in the EY sector.



Leaders and Managers Meeting



Wednesday 18 October 2023



1.30pm-4pm



Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG

Please book using the hyperlink below or, if you need help, please contact Bernie Fishpool.

- [Leaders and Managers Meeting](#)

Training opportunities for w/c 16 October 2023 and w/c 23 October 2023

There are still spaces on the following training events. Please book using the hyperlinks below or, if you need help, please contact Bernie Fishpool.

- [Self Update Provider Portal Training - 18 October - 10am-noon - Shire Hall](#)
- [New to SENCO for Early Years Providers - 20 October - 9am-4pm - The Pavilion, Cheltenham](#) (please note this is day one of a two day course)
- [New to EYFS for Reception - 20 October - 1.30pm-4.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club](#)
- [Business Planning - 23 October - 1pm-4pm - Virtual Online](#)
- [Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training - 24 October - 4pm-6pm - Heart of the Forest, Coleford](#)
- [Nursery Funding Portal Training - 25 October - 10am-noon - Shire Hall](#)



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