

Early Years Childminder Newsletter - September 2025



Dear Childminders,

Welcome to your September Newsletter.

I hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed the sunshine. I am looking forward to visiting lots of Childminding settings this Autumn so please get in touch if you would like a relaxed, supportive visit.

In this newsletter there is information about a free play session for childminders and their minded children, reminders of the upcoming sessions on the new EYFS and inspection framework and booking information for the following few Childminder network meetings. The Stronger Practice Hub have lots of very interesting evening training available free to Gloucestershire Childminders and there is a reminder to keep your safeguarding declaration (previously Audit) updated.

Childminder Play Session - Free to attend

I am pleased to offer a free Childminder Network play session (hopefully the first of many in various venues).

Date 25 September 2025 **Time** 9.30am-11.30am **Venue** The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR

The perfect opportunity to meet up with other local childminders, share tips and socialise in a relaxed and friendly environment. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Parking is off site.

NB: After you have booked your place on GCC Plus please email me at caroline.vans@gloucestershire.gov.uk to let me know how many adults and children you will be bringing in total so that we can let the venue know how many to expect.

Book: Childminder Play Session

Ofsted Updates and Changes to the EYFS - 2025

Date 23 September 2025 **Time** 19:00 - 20:30 - Online

Ofsted Early Years Senior Officer Champa Miah will be delivering a short presentation about changes in 2025.

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Ofsted Webinar about the Renewed Inspection Framework for Childminders

Date Wed, 17 September 2025 **Time** 19:00 - 20:00 - Online

Ofsted will publish its renewed inspection framework in September. This webinar will set out how inspections will be carried out from November 2025.

Register for this webinar to:

- hear about the changes first-hand from Ofsted
- get a clear understanding of the upcoming changes and how they affect you
- have your questions answered.

Please note that spaces are limited. The session will be recorded and available afterwards.

This webinar is particularly relevant to childminders.

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Childminder Network Meetings (Teams)

15 September 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Climate Action Plan.

Book: 15 September - Climate Action Plan

14 October 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - New Inspection Framework.

Book: 14 October - New Inspection Framework

19 November 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Adult Education (GCC).

Book: 19 November - Adult Education (GCC)

11 December 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (free)

Book: 11 December

Please use the opportunity to attend the Network meetings, which are all free, or they may drop to termly events.

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 eysservice@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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Stronger Practice Hub Events - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub

The Stronger Practice Hub has a number of training sessions:

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Identifying and Supporting Speech, Language and Communication

Date 15 September 2025 **Time** 18:00 - 19:30

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

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Early Years Nutrition for Childminders

Date 18 September 2025 **Time** 18:00 - 20:00

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

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Physical Development - Super Scribes with Helen Battelley

Date 23 September 2025 **Time** 18:00 - 20:00

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

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CPD Programme: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion – It Starts with Us

Date 8 October 2025 **Time** 18:30 - 20:00

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

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Introduction to Makaton for Childminders

Date 15 October 2025 **Time** 18:30 - 20:30

Venue Virtual Event **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.

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Every Child a Talker (ECAT) training

Please can you express an interest to Caroline.vans@gloucestershire.gov.uk if you are interested in training in an evening session for this course.

Every Child a Talker (ECAT) Guidance

Safeguarding Audit Reminder

Please remember to keep your Safeguarding Audit up to date as it is now a working document which is updated regularly.

Please contact the Quality team for support with updating it. The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership look for answers which explain how your policies and procedures keep children safe. Bullet points and short paragraphs that clearly explain your policies are best practice in meeting the requirements.

Sign-up and Log-in Information

Funded Opportunities from SGS College

Funded opportunities that SGS College can currently offer for accredited training for the sector.

The courses listed below are available to those over 19 years of age and earning below £25,000 and can be FREE of charge provided applicants meet the eligibility criteria.

SGS offer the work-based Level 3 diploma (no college attendance required) as a **childminder** we appreciate taking time out is tricky to attend courses. You can be assessed and receive support in your setting.

Even if you are already Level 3 qualified the online courses offer great CPD that are easy to access and available for yourselves, your parents, family and friends.

Please see all the links below and feel free to download and share.

SGS College - Early Years Courses

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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