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Early Years Newsletter

17 May 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 34 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

What a lovely week of sunshine we've had, we could certainly get used to this!

This week we have an update regarding training charges, we're sharing Ofsted's latest blog release, and we're thrilled to share our first completed provider case study.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing those of you joining us at Saturday's EY Childminding and daycare conference.

The Early Years and Child Development Team

Update regarding charges for training courses

Please note that the introduction of the credit card payment system has been delayed until **1 September 2024**.

As we have specifically commissioned Neil Farmer to deliver his fantastic "Getting It Right For Boys" training sessions in June; these will be charged at £15 per delegate. This remains excellent value for money, and we do urge you to book places for your staff. Neil delivered this session at the Conference in November 2023 and received a rating of 5/5 from delegates!

All other training to be delivered will be funded by GCC until 31 August 2024.

Ofsted blog

Ofsted have published a blog update about [maintaining quality early years provision in the face of workforce challenges](#).

Capital Grant 2024 - CORRECTION STATEMENT

Further to yesterday's communication regarding Early Years Capital Grant thank you to those of you who have already submitted Expressions of Interest and raised queries regarding the process:

- We are unable to give any details of specific grant amounts available.
- Once we receive provider EOIs which should detail how you intend to create a new early years provision or expand your current early years provision, clearly indicating the approximate amount of funding you may need to do this and details of what research you have done to determine need for the provision, the forms will be reviewed and we will invite providers in the areas where need is greatest to complete an application for the first tranche of funding grants.

Just to clarify we are inviting Expressions of Interest from those providers that plan to or want to expand, we are not asking all providers to expand provision

Please submit your EOI to [EY Business Support](#) by 31 May 2024.

Provider Case Studies

Last week we shared an exciting opportunity to share your wonderful practice with other providers through our new range of case studies. St Mary's Playgroup in Tetbury kindly volunteered to develop our first case study with us to share their [Outstanding Practice](#) following their 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgement in April.

If any providers would like to share any of their own amazing practice, please email [Early Years Quality Team](#) and a member of the team will be in touch.

Childminder Network meeting

Our next [Childminder Network Teams Meeting](#) is being held on Monday 20 May, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Sarah Spencer, Early Years Sufficiency and Business Manager will be joining us to answer any questions about business or funding support.

DSL support hub meeting

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 22 May 2024, at 8.30am.

These 30-minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only). There will be 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. Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 325 785 551 449

Passcode: Q7QBsG

Local Provider Agreement 2024/25

The [Local Provider Agreement for 2024/25](#) for providers offering funded places has now been updated and is available to our Early Years settings.

Please ensure that the declaration page is signed and returned to [free34forms submission](#) by **FRIDAY 28 JUNE.**

Training/event opportunities in May 2024

Lots of new courses have just been added for June and July including new **SIOT Level 1**, **SIOT Level 2** and **EYFS Profile Information Sessions for YR** (both face to face and online). Don't miss these exciting training opportunities coming up soon....!

Business Planning - 20 May 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Shire Hall - [Book here.](#)

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 20 May 2024 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 25 June 2024 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 22 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - The Speech House, Speech House Rd, Coleford GL16 7EL - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 10 June 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Leonardo Hotel (Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 14 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - The Manor House Hotel, High Street, Moreton-In-Marsh GL56 0LJ - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 29 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Leonardo Hotel (Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here.](#)

EYFS Profile Information Session for YR - 10 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Farmers Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

EYFS Profile Information Session for YR - 11 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Online - [Book here.](#)

EYFS Profile Information Session for YR - 12 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Online - [Book here.](#)

Getting It Right for Boys - 19 June 2024 10.00am to 12.00noon - Farmers Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

Getting It Right for Boys - 19 June 2024 1.00pm to 3.00pm - Farmers Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

Leaders and Managers Meeting - 12 June 2024 1.00pm to 3.30pm - Farmers Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Cheltenham - 20 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Tewkesbury - 21 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

SIOT Level 1 - Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy - 11 July 2024 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here.](#)

Please note: Level 1 SIOT should have been completed before attending the Level 2 course.

SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 23 May 2024 - 4pm-6pm at Severnbanks Primary School (Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU). [Book here.](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 13 June 2024 - 4pm-6pm at Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here.](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 27 June 2024 - 4pm-6pm at Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here.](#)



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