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Early Years Provider update

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Dear provider,

How can we be in July already!

I know we have been speaking to many providers who can't believe we are halfway through the year. Lots of you have been celebrating end of year events like mini sports day, graduations for those moving on, and Summer picnics outside.

Fingers crossed, the sunshine stays for a while.

Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

Heads Up for Ofsted sessions – SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday 23rd September Champa Miah, Early Years Senior Officer at Ofsted will be delivering an Ofsted changes session online to providers in Gloucestershire. There will be a morning session at 10am and an evening session at 7pm. The sessions will likely run for an hour with time for questions at the end. More details, including log in will be sent out nearer the time. Please save the date. Both sessions will be suitable for daycare and childminders so please attend one that is most convenient for you.

EY Alliance topics – No child left behind.

[No child left behind essay collection | early years alliance](#)

There is by now a wealth of research on the critical importance of early intervention, particularly for those children and families most in need of support. We know that ensuring equal access to quality, affordable early education, care and support is key to tackling inequality at the earliest possibility opportunity.

In this wide-ranging essay collection compiled and published by the Early Years Alliance, key early years experts – including Nobel-Prize winning academic James Heckman and Dame Cathy Nutbrown – reflect on the current sector challenges and outline their long-term vision of a system underpinned by fairness and equality.

From supporting children with SEND to embedding anti-racist practice in settings, family support to digital literacy, this diverse and ambitious collection brings together some of the best and brightest minds in the early years, and provides a positive and inspiring vision of a sector where no child is left behind.

Ready for Learning (RFL) Toolkit

We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who has submitted RFL data for their current pre-school children. We now have almost 100 providers who are using this toolkit, which is a significant increase on last year and we would love to see even more of you signing up!

We have listened to your feedback, and made a few changes to how data is inputted, saving you time and simplifying the process further. If you have already registered, you will soon receive your new RFL spreadsheet (with a 1-page guide) and a comparison of your data to the Gloucestershire average.

This data shows the importance of early identification and how well you are helping children to make good progress in their pre-school year! Thank you for the positive feedback you have given us, and we have had great feedback from reception teachers who said it gave a clear picture of the child in key areas.

For anyone new to the RFL who would like to receive the new spreadsheet and guidance, please contact EYSadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

ERIC - The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

Children starting at school is an exciting time, with lots of things to learn in their new environment. If they're struggling with wee and poo issues or if they have a problem like constipation, it can be worrying, but help is at hand.

[ERIC, The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity](#) aims to help get as many children trained and ready for school as possible by offering support via email, their website, their helpline, and helpful resources such as the [all aboard the Toilet Train video and information](#).

You can also join ERIC for an informative session designed for Early Years Practitioners and Family Hub staff. In this webinar, one of ERIC's specialist nurses will share expert insights into what healthy bladder and bowels looks like, and what steps to take when things go wrong.

Starting Reception Toilet Training Round Table

10th July 2025 9.30-11

[Book here](#)

They also have a fantastic new [E-learning course for Early Years Practitioners](#), designed to build confidence and knowledge around toileting issues in young children.



Safeguarding update: Keeping Children Safe in Education

This is information that has been received from the DfE this week. “We will publish Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) 2025 (for information version) next month. This version will come into force on 1 September 2025 by which time we expect it to include links to revised guidance on Relationships, Sex, and Health Education and revised guidance on gender questioning children.

KCSIE has been revised regularly for many years, and we intend that it will continue to be revised and improved on a regular basis. Whilst there are only technical changes to KCSIE 2025, future iterations will reflect the progress into legislation of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, the emerging further learnings from the work of the recent Casey Audit and subsequent inquiries, the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy and the interactions between these advances.

This Government is clear that there are – and will continue to be – further learnings about how we can better protect children in the future as we come to understand more clearly what has gone wrong in the past and schools and colleges will continue to need to play an incredibly important role in this”.

Child Protection Inter-Agency Level 3 training – NEW Saturday date

GSCP are hosting a virtual CPIA Level 3 session on Saturday 26th July. Delegates can book on via their training account in the usual way.

Dates to all courses can be found on the webpage here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/gscp-training-curriculum/training-curriculum-and-course-information/>

If you don't have a training account, you can sign up with your bespoke link here :

<https://app.melearning.co.uk/auth/validate-key?registerKey=TCGYQKDN>

Nursery Management show – 27.06.2025

Last Friday Sue and Charlie visited the nursery management show at the NEC in Birmingham. It was lovely to see other local providers at the show exploring the stands and listening to speakers at various workshops.

Sue and Charlie were really keen to visit the centre stand which had 2 Shetland ponies, large fluffy rabbits and some chickens to pet. The company 'Miniature Shetland Therapy Ponies' explained that they visit care homes, charity events, schools and early years settings to support practitioner well-being – what a great idea!

We think we need this at the next conference!



CPD spotlight - Department of Education – Early Years Child Development training

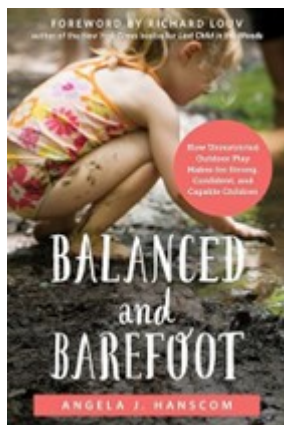
If any staff working in Early Years would like to access some training that covers child development do consider looking at this one offered by the Department of Education.

Why should you take this training?

- is free
- is for childminders and nurseries
- combines theory with practical tips and ideas to use in your setting
- includes opportunities to reflect on your practice
- reinforces your understanding through learning check questions & tests
- links to additional resources
- offers the opportunity to download certificates of completion
- has been developed by expert practitioners

Please use the link to start the training. [Early years child development training : Home page](#)

Book Corner



Today it is rare to find children rolling down hills, climbing trees, or spinning in circles just for fun. We've taken away merry-go-rounds, shortened the length of swings, and done away with see-saws to keep children safe. Children have fewer opportunities for unstructured outdoor play than ever before, and recess times at school are shrinking due to demanding educational environments.

With this book, you'll discover activities you can do anytime,

anywhere, to help your kids achieve the movement they need to be happy and healthy in mind, body, and spirit.

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during the summer months - Book now!

Total Communication Training for Childminders - 09/07/2025 - 7.00 - 8.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

EW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 1.00 to 2.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 4.00 to 5.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams [Book here](#)

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [Book here](#)

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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