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Early Years Newsletter

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Welcome to the Provider Update 42 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

Welcome back to all term time only settings. We hope you enjoyed the Summer break.

We hope everyone is ready for September, and enjoying time with many new children joining you.

The team have been super busy over the Summer collecting information to share with you. Due to lack of information shared during the Summer this update is quite long, but we hope you find the information useful.

Early Education and Child Development Team

EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE 2024 - FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER AT THE CHELTENHAM CHASE HOTEL

Many providers have recently contacted the service to enquire about the booking date for this year's Early Years conference. The wait is over! Bookings will open on Monday 9 September at 8am through GCC+. There is no limit on how many staff can attend from each setting, but we offer places and workshops on a first-come, first-served basis.

An agenda and more details can be found on the GCC+ booking page.

PLEASE NOTE: The next **CHILDMINDER CONFERENCE** will be held on Saturday 8 February at The Cheltenham Chase hotel. **SAVE THE DATE-MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON.** This year the childminder conference will be open to childminders from out of county so early booking is advised.

NEIL FARMER TRAINING – GETTING IT RIGHT FOR BOYS

This has been a very popular course with many bookings to date. We have a handful of spaces left for **Monday 7 October** at Gloucester Farmer's club. Please book through the link in the Training Opportunities section below.

Message to EY Providers from Public Health

Please find below a reminder of useful information and guidance from the South West Health Protection Team to help settings prevent and manage cases and outbreaks of common childhood illnesses over the coming academic year.

Preventing outbreaks:

- We recommend displaying this poster in your setting office area which summaries the guidance on when to keep children away from their setting [Should I keep my child off school checklist poster \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- The Government guidance for settings to help prevent the spread of infection is here [Preventing and controlling infections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- E-bug produce fantastic resources and lesson plans to teach children how to protect themselves from infection, including adapted for pre-school settings, GHLL can help direct you to the resources you need [E-Bug : Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning \(ghll.org.uk\)](https://ghll.org.uk)
- And this Winter readiness toolkit from our regional UK Health Security Agency team has all the information you need to help prevent and manage infections in early years and education settings [UKHSA Infection Protection and Winter Readiness and Control Toolkit for Early Years and Education Settings - South West Councils \(swcouncils.gov.uk\)](https://swcouncils.gov.uk).

Responding to outbreaks:

- If you believe your setting has an outbreak the Government guidance on how to respond is here [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- If you need advice or need to report an outbreak our South West UKHSA Health Protection Team contact details are:
 - **0300 303 8162** or
 - swhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk
- Setting closures or limiting people who are well from attending a setting for public health reasons is only recommended in exceptional circumstances and as a last resort. When this decision is taken it should be discussed within a multi-agency meeting (commonly called an Incident Team Meeting (IMT)) before being implemented. Please contact the South West UKHSA Health Protection Team in the first instance.

Health protection updates:

- We continue to see a high number of Whooping Cough (pertussis) infection currently. Cases should remain away from the setting until 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics. The NHS website has useful information on Whooping Cough, including the childhood and pregnancy immunisations [Whooping cough - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

- From 1 September 2024, pregnant women can have a free vaccine in each pregnancy, to protect their babies against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). RSV is a common virus which can cause a lung infection called bronchiolitis. In small babies this condition can make it hard to breathe and to feed. More information can be found in this leaflet [RSV vaccine and pregnancy \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/123456/RSV_vaccine_and_pregnancy.pdf).

EARLY HELP TRAINING – THE GRADUATED PATHWAY

The Early Help team are offering some training covering the graduated pathway.

It will run on Thursday 28 November from 4.30pm and finish at 7.30pm – it is the full module. Please use this [link](#) for further information and booking details.

SUPPORTING PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY YEARS

Please see the link below about on line training to support and promote children's oral health.

Early Years Evidence Store Physical Development Module

Now Live

The Education Endowment Foundation has added a new theme to the [Early Years Evidence Store](#) as part of their ongoing collaboration with the Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs programme. The content is designed to support early years educators to put evidence-informed approaches into practice.

The physical development theme explores how early years educators can support young children's physical development and promote opportunities to be physically active.

It focuses on three approaches:

- Teaching the skills needed for movement and handling
- Promoting physical activity
- Teaching the skills for mark making and letter formation

Existing themes include communication and language, personal social and emotional development, early maths and early literacy. Do share and promote the link with those you think could benefit.

Stronger Practice Hubs can offer support on adopting evidence-informed practice in your Early Years setting, including how to use the Evidence Store. Contact your nearest Hub for more information (details [here](#)).

FORM LMS Registration Guidance for Early Years Settings

As most of you will know, there is now a new platform for any safeguarding training. If you have not signed up for the platform please see the guidance in this [link](#).

DSL HUB MEETINGS FROM THE SAFEGUARDING IN EDUCATION TEAM

Welcome to the new academic year. The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the first DSL support hub of this new year on Wednesday 11 September 2024. 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.

The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 11 September 2024. Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

MASH VISITS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

MASH – Halah Shams El-Din - DSL VISITS TO THE MASH - We strongly encourage safeguarding leads from all Gloucestershire education settings (including Early Years and Post-16) to visit the Gloucestershire MASH, Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester. The dates for visits in the new academic year (2024/25) are:-

Thursday 2-3pm 19/9/24, 17/10/24, 21/11/24, 23/1/25, 27/2/, 20/3/25, 10/4/25, 22/5/25, 19/6/25, 10/7/25.

To book please email [Halsh Shams El-Din](mailto:Halsh@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

OR call on 01452 328953

Places are limited to 8 spaces per date and will be allocated on a first come first served basis, although we will keep a short waiting list. Due to the limited spaces we can only accept bookings for a maximum of 2 people per setting per visit. If more than two people from your setting would like to visit then you are welcome to book spaces on more than one date/time. Please make sure you have received confirmation of your booking before you turn up for your visit.

Training Opportunities!

Business Team Network Meeting - 19 September 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - [Book here](#).

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 16 September 2024 - 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here](#).

Getting It Right for Boys - 7 October 2024 10am to noon - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

Getting It Right for Boys - October 2024 1pm to 3pm - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

SENCo in the Early Years Training - Day 1 - 19 September 2024 9am to 3pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG - *This event is full, but please put yourself on the waiting list if you are interested as we will run another session.*

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training - Level 1 - Thursday 12 September 2024 - Alderman Knight School, 46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, England, GL20 8JJ - [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training - Level 1 - Tuesday 24 September 2024 - Longford Park Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP - [Book here](#).



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