

Provider Update 91 - 24 October 2025



Dear provider,

The last half term has whizzed by, and some of you will be off for a break next week. The team have enjoyed visiting and watching children play in the Autumn leaves, and collect conkers to add to displays.

We have also enjoyed all the pumpkin activities, especially those who were making pumpkin soup with the children.

There will be no provider email next week due to half term.

Early Education and Child Development team

Ofsted Inspection Briefing

Our stronger practice hub has arranged for 2 briefings delivered directly from Ofsted to ensure you are fully informed about the new inspection framework, follow this link for more information

[Ofsted Education Inspection Framework Briefing - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

Date for your diary - Re-scheduled SIOT Level 1 training – Cheltenham

Due to circumstances beyond our control we recently had to cancel SIOT Level 1 training that was due to take place in Cheltenham. The training has been re-arranged to take place on 1 December 2025. The venue is still tbc, but it will be held in Cheltenham. We will publish the training on GCC+ as soon as the venue is confirmed so you can re-book yourself on.

Book Corner

This week some of you were lucky enough to attend the workshop 'Getting it right for boys' with Neil Farmer. This session has been offered over the last year with approximately 150 practitioners attending.

Neil shares ideas and strategies with providers so they have some practical guidance when working with boys in the EYFS.

Neil will be returning to Gloucestershire to deliver another 2 sessions on Thursday 12th February. Do book on if you missed out this week.





GETTING IT RIGHT FOR BOYS

Why boys do what they do and how
to make the early years work for them

Neil Farmer

CPD Spotlight

This week we are shining a light on training delivered for by Educational Psychology Colleagues. Please do look at [this poster](#) for further information.

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings are now available to book:

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development - 03/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Severnbanks Primary School, Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 04/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery Old Dowty Clubhouse, Ashchurch Pkwy, Tewkesbury, GL20 8TU - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 06/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 06/11/2025 - 6:30pm - 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS - [Book here](#)

Early Years Confernce 2025 (FULL) - 07/11/2025 - 9:00am - 4.00pm - The Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Shurdington Road, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4PB - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 10/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre, Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, GL51 0ES - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Steam Mills Primary School, Steam Mills, Cinderford, GL14 3JD [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12/11/2025 - 6:00 - 8.00pm - Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge, Gloucester, GL2 7DD [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting (Gloucester Farmers Club) - 12/11/2025 - 1:00 - 3:30pm - Gloucester Farmers club , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 13/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Alderman Knight School, 46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8JJ - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13/11/2025 - 4:30 - 6:00pm - Kings Stanley Playgroup, Kings Stanley Village Hall, Broad Street, Kings Stanley, Stonehouse GL10 3PN - [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 18/11/2025 - 9:30 - 12.00pm - The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2

2AR - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 18/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - Longford Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, GL2 9FP - [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 19/11/2025 9:30 - 11:30am - The Oaks Children's Centre, Holmleigh Road, Tuffley. Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL4 0RN - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 19/11/2025 - 4:00 - 5:30pm - The Rissington School (Upper Rissington Site) Mitchell Way, Upper Rissington, Cheltenham, GL54 2PL - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - Adult Education (GCC) - 19/11/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years (FULL) - 20/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy, Veterans Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3WH. - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - Practical strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years (FULL) - 27/11/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Kingsway Primary School, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 1 - 1 December 2025 - Cheltenham - venue TBC

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT) – Play to Ignite Development - 04/12/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 11/12/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 16/12/2025 - 9:30 - 12:00pm - The Beacon Children's Centre, Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR - [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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