

Early Years Newsletter

5 January 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 17 (2023/24)

Happy New Year!

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year break.

Just a short update this week.

Best wishes

The Early Years Team

SENCo Training for Early Years

New dates have been added for SENCo Training.

This training provides information and resources which will enable the SENCo to understand and fulfil this important role. This training is for practitioners new to the SENCO role, SENCOs experienced who would like a refresher, and for SENCOs wanting to familiarise themselves with Gloucestershire's procedures (for example, SENCOs moving from other counties and SENCOs who have completed Level 3 training with Best Practice Network).

22 February (Day 1) and 28 February (Day 2) - Book via: [SENCo February 2024 link](#)

14 March (Day 1) and 21 March (Day 2) - Book via: [SENCo March 2024 link](#)

DSL Support Hub - Wednesday 10 January at 8.30am

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the first DSL support hub of 2024 on Wednesday 10th January 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 10th January 2024.

To join the session:-

Please use the following log in details to access the session as a guest user:

<https://gccplustraining.org/course/view.php?id=374>

Password: SupportAll

Then, to join the event:

- click the 'BigBlueButton' (DSL Support Hub Meeting Room),
- click Join Session,
- choose to join with microphone option. Please allow the ECHO test to fully complete and you will enter the room.

Please do not set up your own account on GCCPlus Training as this account will not be enrolled to the training course. Access to the session is through the details above.

We advise that you take a moment to log on 24 hours before the event to ensure that you have access. Should you have any difficulties, please contact us via [gsep email](#) before the session.

Reminder! Early Years Expanded Entitlements 2024 - SURVEY CLOSSES AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2024

If you have not already done so, please complete Survey (link below).

We are currently carrying out some supply and demand mapping to support the 'Expanded Entitlements' roll out in 2024 and need to gather some information from Gloucestershire providers to enable the Early Years Service to support you as these additional entitlements are introduced from April 2024.

We would like to ask you to spend just a very few minutes of your time to answer some questions , this should take no more than five minutes and questions will be filtered appropriately depending on responses. You can access the questions via the link below, please note that the questionnaire is only open for a short period.

Please use this link to complete the [Survey](#).

Many thanks for you input which will enable us to support the Early Years Sector in Gloucestershire to introduce these new entitlements.

DSL notes and recording - 20th December 2023

Please find below the Agenda and the link to the previous DSL Support hub meeting in December 2023.

[Agenda 20 December 2023.pdf](#)

[Recording 20 December 2023](#)

Training opportunities in January 2024

Business Planning - 19 January 2024 - 9.30-12:30 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button. Book via: [Business Planning booking link](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy (Level 1) - 23 January 2024 - Fully booked

Safeguarding Module for EY Practitioners - 23 January 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Tewkesbury (see above)

New to the EYFS for Nurseries and PreSchool - 26 January 2024 - 9:00-12:00 - Gloucester. Book via: [New to the EYFS for Nurseries and PreSchool booking link](#)

Safeguarding Module for EY Practitioners - 27 January 2024 - 10:00-12:00 - Nailsworth (see above)

Childminder Pre-Registration Briefing - 30 January 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button. Book via email to [EYService Admin Team](#)

Safeguarding Module for EY Practitioners - 30 January 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Gloucester (see above)

Please note: New dates for SIOT Level 1 and SIOT Level 2 (Play to ignite development) will follow in due course.

Childminder Recruitment

[Message from pacey.org.uk:](#)

Following a successful recruitment drive in September, they have decided to run this offer again in the new year.

- Individuals who have completed their childminder registration on or after 15 March 2023 will receive a [£600 start up grant](#) from the Government
- For January only we are offering our HBCA course 'Preparing to work in home-based childcare' for £250 (a discount of £44). [You can apply for the course here](#)
- With the HBCA course, students will receive **3 months FREE PACEY** membership. [Find out about the membership here](#)
- As part of the FREE membership, everyone will receive a £10 discount on our [Safeguarding children course](#) and a £12.99 discount on our [Food safety and hygiene course](#)

- During January we have opened up our PACEY advisor service to all those interested in becoming a childminder
- Everyone is welcome to join our [Facebook community](#) of early years practitioners who have been through or are currently going through registration

More details on the support package can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions please contact: support@pacey.org.uk.



If you have queries about any of the above, please email

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