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Early Years Newsletter

19 July 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 40 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

For many of you, this may be your last day before the Summer holidays. We hope for those of you working in term time only settings, you have a wonderful break.

Some of you will continue to work through August, and you will be pleased to know many of the team will be working too, so support is always on hand.

As many providers will close for the Summer the Early Years Service will not be sending weekly bulletin updates during this time. The next bulletin will be sent out on Friday 6 September.

Early Education and Child Development Team

Update regarding EYS Advice Line

We have recently undertaken a review of the EYS Advice Line and are making the following changes to take effect from week commencing Monday 22 July 2024:

- The EYS Advice line will be staffed on Wednesdays only during all school holidays (this includes half-term breaks).
- The EYS Advice Line will now operate from 12noon until 5.00pm.

If you have any questions, please email EYSAdviceline@gloucestershire.gov.uk or ring 01452 425959.

Level 3 Early Years SENCO Award

Due to high demand for the September delivery of the **Level 3 Early Years SENCO Award**, the Early Years Service is considering running an additional programme starting in January 2025. We are inviting SENCOs to complete an **Expression of Interest** form so we can have an idea of the number of candidates. Please see the accompanying [letter](#) detailing the course and the [expression of interest form](#).

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 [Halah Shams El-Din](#)

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

DSL hub notes from 17 July 2024

The notes for the recent DSL Hub are now available. See [here](#). The video will follow.

Keep in touch!

The Quality team would like to remind providers that they are here to support with many areas. These areas can be found on the information sheet about our [Quality offer](#).

We are also keen providers keep us up to date when there is a change. For example, if you have a manager/leader on long term sick, and need some support during that time please do contact us. The Quality team now have their own [email inbox](#).

Business News Tuesday - Summer update

As many of you are working term time only, we have also decided to reduce the frequency of the Business News Tuesday publication. The most recent one was sent this week, and therefore over the summer Business news Tuesday will only be published on:

30 July 2024

13 August 2024

27 August

If you have any questions please email the [Early Years Administrators](#).

Training Opportunities!

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 24 July 2024 7pm to 8pm - Online - [Book here](#).

SENCo in the Early Years Training - Day 1 - 19 September 2024 9am to 3pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG - [Book here](#). (NB - Day 2 will be on 26 September 2024)

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](#).



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

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