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Early Years Newsletter

18 October 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 48 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

We hope everyone is enjoying the crisp weather outside as we reach the middle of October.

The team have carried out many visits recently where children are enjoying October celebrations, including Halloween.

October is ADHD awareness month, Black history month, and some of our families will celebrate Diwali.

This week's updates are below.

Early Education and Child Development Team

Self-Assessment Audit (previously known as Safeguarding Audit)

We know many of you have been asking about the safeguarding audit as you are keen to complete it and use your findings to improve your setting.

You may be aware from previous communications that there is now a new platform to complete safeguarding training, and this is a new process to complete the audit. Please see [Communications and Roll Out Plan](#).

DSL hub meeting Wednesday 23 October 2024

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 23 October 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 23 October 2024.

Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

Is your child due to start reception in September 2025?

If your child is due to start school next September please be aware that you will need to apply for a place at your chosen school by 15 January 2025. The opening date for applications is 4 November 2024. More information can be found [here](#).

Ready for Learning talk for childminders

We are excited that Catherine Hardwick will be joining the childminding network on Tuesday 22 October at 7pm **to talk about this excellent tool that will support** childminders with preschool children transitioning to reception. [Book your place](#) now.

CPD Spotlight

The Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub are hosting a range of free CPD opportunities between now and December. Events include Maths conference and workshops, understanding and responding to children's behaviour and Communication and Language. [Book on now](#) to secure your place!

Click [here](#) for more information about upcoming events.

Have you recently attended some inspiring CPD, let us know and we can feature this in our CPD spotlight



Training and other opportunities!

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 22 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - Online via Teams - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) - [Book here.](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 1) - 14 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

Early Years Conference - 15 November 2024 - 9.00am to 4.00pm - The Cheltenham Chase Hotel Shurdington Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4PB - **Now full!**

Welcome to the Early Years - 18 November 2024 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 21 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

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.

The standard GCC Cancellation Policy will apply:

- 100% refund 10 days or more before the course starts.
- 50% refund between 9 and 5 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 4 and 2 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 1 day or fewer before the course starts.



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