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Early Years Newsletter

14 June 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 37 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We hope everyone is well, and enjoying the busy Summer term. The team have enjoyed visiting providers this week and seen lots of different ways of celebrating Fathers Day.

Early Education and Child Development Team

Gloucestershire Childminding and Daycare Conference - Saturday May 18th 2024

It was so lovely to see so many of you attend this recent event. As promised, please scroll to the bottom of this bulletin to see photos of the day. Many delegates fed back what fun the day had been.

Caroline Vans has developed a poll to gather thoughts for the next childminding conference which will take place in 2025. Please click here: [Childminder Conference 25 poll](#).

Leaders and managers meeting

It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday at the Leaders and Managers meeting. I hope you found it useful.

We enjoyed listening to updates about Ofsted themes from Justine.

We also enjoyed hearing about the wraparound programme from Anita McKelvey, who joined our team in April to take up the post of Early Years Sufficiency and Business Manager (Wraparound Care).

Stroud College gave an interesting presentation about the courses they offer.

Please save the date for the next meeting: Wednesday 27 November at Gloucester Farmers Club

Neil Farmer – Getting it right for Boys

Lots of practitioners have signed up to this event, with the first sessions taking place next Wednesday. Don't leave it too late if you would like to join Neil, and learn how best to support the boys in your provision.

There are 2 sessions in June, morning and afternoon. Bookings are taken through GCC+ (see training panel below).

If you are unable to make the June sessions, there are 2 more dates in October.

Dingley's promise 'Mark of Achievement Award'

As a local authority we are very pleased to share with you that we have 11 providers in the county who have completed the Dingley's promise training modules which means they have gained the 'Mark of Achievement Award'. All of the providers have now received their certificate to proudly display. Well done to:

- Nuffy Bear Nursery
- Elaina Davis – Childminder
- Parkend Playgroup
- Yorkley Playgroup
- Happy Kids Education Centre and Nursery
- Kelly Hughes – Childminder
- Ruardean Acorns
- St Peters under 5's
- Circus Day Nursery
- Finlay Nursery

If you as a setting would like to take up this training, which is completed online, please see [flyer](#).

UPDATE REGARDING CHARGES FOR TRAINING COURSES

Please note that the introduction of the credit card payment system has been delayed until **1 September 2024**.

As we have specifically commissioned Neil Farmer to deliver his fantastic "Getting It Right For Boys" training sessions in June; these will be charged at £15 per delegate. This remains excellent value for money and we do urge you to book places for your staff. Neil delivered this session at the Conference in November 2023 and received a rating of 5/5 from delegates!

Training that has been traditionally free, will continue to be funded by GCC until 31 August 2024.

Paediatric First Aid reimbursement

Don't forget that GCC will continue to pay £60 towards the cost of Paediatric First Aid training for childminders and early years settings until the funds are depleted or 31 March 2025. Details of how to claim can be found [here](#).

Training Opportunities!

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 25 June 2024 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here](#).

FINAL! Expanded Entitlement Event - SATURDAY 29 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Leonardo Hotel (Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here](#).

Getting It Right for Boys - 19 June 2024 10.00am to 12.00noon - Farmers Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

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SIOT Level 1 - Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy - 11 July 2024 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - **Event is closed (full)**.

Please note: Level 1 SIOT should have been completed before attending the Level 2 course.

SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 27 June 2024 - 4pm-6pm at Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here](#).

NEW! SENCo Training for Early Years - Thursday 19 September 2024 - 9am-3pm - day one of a two day course - at Shire Hall, GL1 2TG - [Book here](#).







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