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## Early Years Newsletter

24 May 2024





## **Welcome to the Provider Update 35 (2023/24)**

### **Dear Provider**

We hope everyone is well, and for some of you looking forward to the half term break next week. Please be aware that the Early Years team will be working, and the advice line will run as normal should anyone need to contact them. Below are the updates we would like to share this week.

**Early Education and Child Development Team**

## **Gloucestershire Childminding and Daycare Conference**

It was so lovely to see so many of you attend this event last Saturday. We in the team had a fun day, and loved chatting to you all. The team have received some lovely positive feedback so thank you.

Caroline will oversee the childminding conference next year and has already started the planning phase.

There will be another conference on Friday 15 November this year at the Chase Hotel for daycare providers. Please 'save the date'. Booking will open in September when we have more details about the speakers and workshops to share. There will be no limit on numbers from each setting, but we will be asking that delegates only book a space if they are able to stay all day.

Photos from last Saturday to follow.

## Celebrating childminders

A new post from Gov.Uk - "Celebrating Childminders and Welcoming Change" has just been published on the Ofsted: early years blog.

It's Childminding Week, and we want to recognise the excellent work of childminders like you. Thank you for all that you do to give families much-needed flexibility, and children the best start in life. Almost all of you do this incredibly well. 97% of Ofsted-registered childminders were rated good or outstanding at their last inspection. That's the highest of any type of provision we inspect. Here's a message from the Chief Inspector: Doing our part We want to make sure you can continue to do this great work. Of course, what is best for children remains at the heart of ...

Read the new post: [Celebrating Childminders and Welcoming Change](#)

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## Neil Farmer – Getting it right for Boys

Some of you were lucky enough to listen to Neil Farmer last year at our yearly conference where he talked about meeting the needs of boys in the EYFS.

For those of you who missed out, we are now offering the chance to come to a 2 hour session where Neil will share his knowledge and experience, strategies and ideas that you can take away to support the boys in your setting, improving their outcomes.

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

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## Early Years Expansion Capital Grant - Expression of Interest

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted an Expression of Interest form for the Early Years Expansion Capital Grant. We are aware that the short time-frame for submissions has a deadline that falls within half term and would like to reassure you that there will be further opportunities to submit expressions of interest for consideration if you miss this first deadline.

Due to the high volume of communications received, particularly in the last few days, we apologise if we have not been able to respond to you all individually before some of you break up for half term. Please be assured your queries will be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.

You will be notified of further submission dates in due course.

## DSL Support Hub - 22 May 2024

Please see the [notes](#) from yesterday's DSL Support Hub along with the link to the recording.

<https://youtu.be/VAzZLQpwhVA>

## Health protection updates for Early Years

Please find below useful reminders to help prevent infections spreading in your setting the summer:

If you're **visiting farms** this summer there are some simple hygiene steps to help reduce risk of catching infection from animals or the environment listed here [Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli \(STEC\): symptoms, how to avoid, how to treat - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to see high cases of **Whooping Cough** (Pertussis). This UKHSA blog summarises the signs to look out for and how people can protect themselves [What is whooping cough and is there a vaccine? – UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

**Ticks** can carry infections, including Lyme disease and rarely tick-borne encephalitis. People may get bitten by ticks wherever they spend time outdoors. The safest way to remove a tick is using fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool. If you become unwell within a few weeks of being bitten by a tick, contact your GP or NHS 111. Posters and leaflets can be ordered for free here [Search Publications - Health Publications](#).

Settings and families may be planning **trips abroad** this summer, The [NaTHNaC - Home \(travelhealthpro.org.uk\)](#) website, supported by the UKHSA has information on health risks in countries across the world and is a one-stop shop for information to help people plan their trip abroad.

We continue to see cases of **Scarlet Fever** which is a common childhood illness, although it can affect anyone of any age. If you suspect scarlet fever (for example symptoms such as fever, a sandpapery rash, sore throat and swollen tonsils) patients should contact their GP practice or NHS111. Scarlet Fever is usually mild and can be treated with antibiotics – these will help reduce the risk of

complications and limit spread of the infection to others. If they are seriously unwell call 999.

**SAVE THE DATE** – the next UKHSA webinar on Health Protection is Early Years and Educational Settings is on 13th June 4pm – 5pm, sign up here [Health Protection in Early Years and Educational Settings Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

## Update to the Early Years Qualification List

A new post-September 2024 tab has been added to the [Early Years Qualifications List \(EYQL\)](#), following the publication of the new [Level 3 Early Years Educator \(EYE\) criteria](#), which is effective from September 2024.

The “Guidance” tab of the EYQL has also be updated with information on what the new tab means. In summary, to count as a full & relevant (F&R) qualification, enabling the holder to count within staff:child ratios at level 3 in early years settings in England:

- Qualifications started **on or after 1 September 2024 and before 1 September 2025** must be listed on either the post-Sept 2014 tab or the post-Sept 2024 tab.
- Qualifications started **on or after 1 September 2025** must be listed on the post-Sept 2024 tab.

No qualifications have been removed.

Please share this communication with others in your networks who this may affect.

Any questions, please submit a query via the [Contact Us form](#), FAO Early Years Qualifications Unit.

## Child Accident Prevention Trust

Amid growing concerns about children choking on food, the Child Accident Prevention Trust have launched a selection of brand-new resources containing essential safety advice ahead of Child Safety Week. Please see links below:

[Concerns grow about children choking on food](#)

[Choking Resources](#)

[Free Resources for Child Safety Week](#)

# Spotlight!

This week's spotlight is on...

Lots of new courses have just been added for June and July including new **SIOT Level 1**, **SIOT Level 2** and **EYFS Profile Information Sessions for YR** (both face to face and online). Don't miss these exciting training opportunities coming up soon.....!

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

**Expanded Entitlement Event** - 10 June 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Leonardo Hotel  
(Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here.](#)

**Expanded Entitlement Event** - 14 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - The Manor House  
Hotel, High Street, Moreton-In-Marsh GL56 0LJ - [Book here.](#)

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

**EYFS Profile Information Session for YR** - 10 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Farmers  
Club, Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

**EYFS Profile Information Session for YR** - 11 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Online -  
[Book here.](#)

**EYFS Profile Information Session for YR** - 12 June 2024 1.30pm to 3.30pm - Online -  
[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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House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

**Leaders and Managers Meeting** - 12 June 2024 1.00pm to 3.30pm - Farmers Club,  
Agriculture House, Sandhurst Lane, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

**SENCo Cluster meeting - Tewkesbury** - 21 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

**SIOT Level 1 - Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy** - 11 July 2024 4.00pm to  
6.00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here.](#)

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

**SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development** - Thursday 13 June 2024 - 4pm-6pm at Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here.](#)

**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.](#)



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