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Early Years Newsletter

28 June 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 39 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We wished for sunshine, and here it finally is! We've had a lovely week visiting providers across Gloucestershire who have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning time, cooling down in the water play, and chasing after little ones with their stray sunhats!

This week we have some updates to share from across the sector.

Early Education and Child Development Team

Early Years Provider Forum

The newly elected chair, Lynne Adamson, and Vice chair, Kelly Hughes, would like to share the below message with the sector.

The Early Years Provider Forum is made up of EY providers across the private, voluntary, independent, and maintained sectors and across all GCC localities to ensure fair representation. As a forum, we advise the council regarding their statutory responsibilities that contribute to positive outcomes for all young children in the county. Through the forum we develop strong partnerships between GCC and EY providers. We advocate for providers, sharing their views and concerns. The outcomes and recommendations are implemented and shared with providers.

As the elected chair and vice chair of the early years forum, our role is to lead, advise, contribute, and represent the EY sector at termly meetings, supported by members of the EY service. Our role includes acting as representatives at the school's forum, making recommendations, and contributing to local and national policy developments including funding, accessibility responsibilities, provider agreements, EY code of practice, SEN, Audits, and more. We feed back this information to the EY forum members for consultation. You can contact us at Lookafterme@live.co.uk or on 07842644890.

Whooping cough vaccine

Whooping cough rates have risen sharply in recent months, with more than three times the number of cases already seen this year than in the whole of 2023. Babies who are too

young to start their vaccinations are at the greatest risk of becoming very unwell, hospitalisation, and in some cases, it can even cause death. Vaccination is the best defence against whooping cough. Pregnant women can help protect their babies by getting vaccinated. The whooping cough vaccine is then given as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age with a booster offered before children start school at 3 years 4 months.

Please share with your families that if their child has missed their pre-school booster, they can contact their GP surgery to arrange this. It's best to have it on time, but children can still have the 4-in-1 vaccine up to the age of 10. This [video by NHS Gloucestershire](#) explains more.

Fundraising

Did you know you can sign up to [EasyFundraising](#) to explore thousands of different ways to receive free funding from over 8,000 online retailers every time one of your setting's community shops with them! Just sign up your setting and encourage your families and wider community to use the link every time they shop online to help raise important funds for your provision. There are lots of online stores linked to EasyFundraising such as Tesco, JustEat, Amazon, eBay, Argos, and many more!

GSCP training platform

Many of you will be aware that from April 1 the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership moved to a new platform. Every provider will need to sign up to the new platform to access future safeguarding training, whether it be face-to-face, or online. Please see the [guidance notes](#) for how to register.

DSL support Hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub at 8.30am on Wednesday 3 July 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.

Log in details:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 364 837 623 422

Passcode: XQUAdC

Training Opportunities!

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

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)***.

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](#).



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