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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years
Provider update

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Dear provider,

With the end of term only a week away, many of you will be saying goodbye to the children and families you have worked so hard with as they transition to their next stage in education.

This is also often a time when staffing structures change, whether this is due to career development, maternity leave or retirement. We know how challenging change can be, so please do reach out to the Quality Leads if you need support to navigate this, especially if you have changes to your management or leadership team.

Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

Giving every child the best start in life

On Monday the government published its strategy for improving child development and meeting the ambition that 75% of 5-year-olds in England have a good level of development by 2028.

For more information please do follow this link [Giving every child the best start in life](#)

Changes to the EYFS Safeguarding Requirements – September 2025

You will be familiar with the changes to the EYFS Safeguarding requirements for September 2025, whilst these have yet to be formally published (we hope this is imminent), Foundation Years have published this easy-to-follow summary;

[Summary-of-EYFS-changes-for-publication-PDF.pdf](#)

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Support Hubs

The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 16 July 2025, this is the last one this term.

Log in details below;

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

[Join on a video conferencing device](#)

Tenant key: gloucestershire@m.webex.com

Video ID: 123 889 287 7

[More info](#)

DSL Support hubs will restart on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 8.30am.

Meet the Family Hub Team

There are lots of opportunities throughout the summer to meet your local Family Hub team. Everyone is welcome, so please do share the [attached poster](#) with your families and if you have time come along to one of the events.

Children and Family Centre Pop-up Play Days

Gloucestershire Gateway Trust is running a series of Pop Up Play Days

in July & August. These free fun activities are for families and children aged 0 – 11. More details about the dates and veues can be found here;

[July Pop Up Play Days](#)

[August Pop Up Play Days](#)

Bristol and Beyond – Stronger Practice Hub

We really value the CPD events that Bristol and Beyond provide. They are all free and based on evidence based research. Do check out the following in particular;

[Tuning in to Babies - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

[Sleep Support for SEND Families: A Course for Early Years](#)

[Professionals - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

[Talking About Babies: Settling in to Provision - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

[Physical Development - Super Scribes With Helen Battelley - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

[Early Years Nutrition for Settings - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub](#)

Useful Resources for Leaders and Managers

Connect Childcare have a free guide for managers: The ABC of Nursery Management, to receive a copy you just need to complete the information in this link;

We have shared these books before but there is some valuable information and advice in both;

[Practical Pre-school Books. Effective leadership and management in the EYFS](#)

[Practical Pre-school Books. Monitoring and Evaluation in the Early Years](#)

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during the summer months - Book now!

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 1.00 to 2.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 4.00 to 5.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams [Book here](#)

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [Book here](#)

NEW- Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 14/08/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm | Online via TEAMS - An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss changes to the EYFS from September 2025. [Book here](#)

NEW- Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 15/09/2025 7:00 - 8:00 | Scheduled | AUTCMN25-01 | Early Years | Online via TEAMS - Links will be sent the day before the meeting. An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss climate action plan. [Book here](#)

SENDCO in the Early Years - (2 days) **Day 1** - 02/10/2025 9:15 - 3:00pm - **Day 2** 09/10/2025 - 9:15 - 3:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk.

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@goucestershire.gov.uk

Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.

If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@goucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.



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