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Early Years Newsletter

29 November 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 54 (2024/25)

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Dear provider,

November 25th was 'White Ribbon Day' followed by 16 days of action. White Ribbon UK works around a theme to raise awareness about men's violence against women and girls the need for men to be part of the solution as active allies,

more details can be found here [White Ribbon Day 2024 — White Ribbon UK](#)

We hope you haven't been too affected by the recent weather. It's always worth reviewing your adverse weather policy and sharing this with your parents.

Have a lovely weekend!

Early Education and Child Development team

Childminding Conference

Calling all childminders! So far we only have 7 childminders booked onto the conference in February. We need at least 50 booked on before 10th December, to make sure the conference is viable, otherwise it will be cancelled. Book your place on the conference [here](#).

Early Years Alliance – Networking for Childminders

Early Years Alliance will be hosting their first ever Childminding Professional Network Event on **Wednesday 4th December** between **7.15pm and 8.15pm**

During this new series of FREE virtual networking events, they will discuss everything from:

- what to do when you get 'the call'
- how to deal with disputes with parents
- ways to create a positive childminding environment
- how to look after your own wellbeing ... and more!

We will also give attendees the opportunity to share any questions they have about regulatory rules and changes for us to take to the Department for Education and/or Ofsted for a response. [Sign up here](#)

Dingley's Promise Early Years Centre's

We are delighted to inform you that Dingley's Promise have been awarded the contract to deliver 2 EY SEN centres in Gloucestershire, both for a period of 3 years, with the potential of extending this.

They will continue to deliver the centre in Gloucester and will open the second site in Cheltenham, next to St Thomas More School, early next year. The centres will support

children with high level needs who cannot access a mainstream provision and those who require additional assessment to understand their support needs.

Celebrating the Early Education and Child Development Team!

Did you know we are the first Local Authority team to achieve the 'Inclusion Friendly Setting' mark. During our recent team meeting we celebrated this achievement with Lee Friend (Dingley's Chief Operating Officer).



Guidance for completing your Safeguarding Audit

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership has produced guidance for childminders and group based providers to use when completing the Safeguarding Audit. This can be found here [Early Years Foundation Stage Section 3 Safeguarding Assurance Declaration Procedure](#)

To access the audit <https://www.gscpaudit.org.uk/>

DSL support hub

The next Designated Safeguarding Lead support hub will be on Wednesday 4th December at 8.30am. 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.

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](#)

Behavioural Change in the Early Years: Supporting children with additional needs

Zelphur will be delivering 2 face to face sessions for Early years Practitioners in February, this will provide an opportunity for group and individual discussion and problem solving regarding behaviour.

Zelphur Ferguson's training is now live to book on GCC+ on the following date/times;

[5th February 2025 , 10am - 12 noon](#)

[5th February 2025, 13.00 - 15.00pm](#)

Training and other opportunities!

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 19 December 2024, 19:00 - 20:00, Online via TEAMS [Book here](#).

SIOT Level 1 - 16 January 2025 -16.00 - 18:00, Chesterton Primary School (Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS). [Book here](#).

SENCo Training for Early Years (previously New to SENCO Training for Early Years) **Day 1** - 23 January 2025 09:00 - 15:00 & **Day 2** - 30 January 2025 09:00 - 15:00. Shire Hall (SHI01 / Main reception), Clearwell Room, Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#).

Behavioural Change in Early Years: Supporting Children with Additional Needs - 05 Feb 2025 10:00 - 12:00, Gloucester Farmers club (FAR01 / Main reception) , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

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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.

If you have queries about any of the above, please email

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